

Tories launch new drive for Sunday trade

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Conservative MPs yesterday launched a new initiative to reform the laws on Sunday trading...



Sir Marcus Fox: Aiming for sense in Sunday shopping

More than 100 MPs, including some of the most senior backbenchers...

bringing in more flexible licensing laws, along Scottish lines...

the procedural opportunities for opponents, private members' legislation has little chance...

Having been so humiliatingly rebuffed last April ministers have no intention of rapidly embracing a new measure...

The Government remains in favour of deregulation. The aims of the sponsors, led by Sir Marcus Fox...

If they succeed in showing that there is a clear parliamentary majority for the reform they hope that the Government might be encouraged to step in...

The motion's sponsors are confident that a majority will be forthcoming for a Bill. It is pointed out that the Shops Bill failed only because about 20 MPs...

Tomorrow

Whose baby?



When the man wants a child and the woman wants to end the pregnancy...

Portfolio Gold

The £4,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by two readers...

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TIMES BUSINESS

Shops boom

Spending in the shops remains on course for a record Christmas, retailers believe...

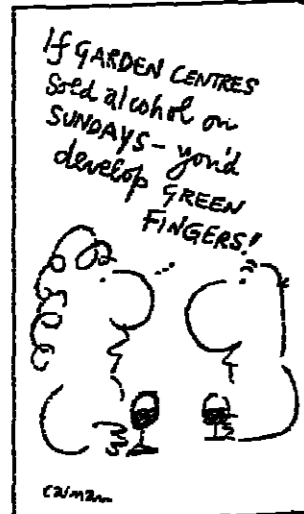


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Released in freedom: The US hostages released from captivity in Lebanon...

Unnamed MI5 man called in spy case

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Agents of MI5, both past and present, have been flown to Australia by the Government to take part in the court case over the book written by Mr Peter Wright...

One of them, who worked for MI5 at the same time as Mr Wright, is to be called to give evidence, but the court has already agreed that he must remain unidentified.

Mr Wright, who became MI5's chief mole-hunter during the latter part of his 15-year career with the Security Service, is now a household name...

The ex-MI5 officer has filed an affidavit and will be called later to be cross-examined. One Whitehall source said yesterday: "The court is satisfied that he is a bona fide past-member of the Security Service..."

US insider-trading scandal shakes City and Wall St

By Bailey Morris in Washington and Richard Lander

The aftershocks of the massive US insider-trading scandal - involving Mr Ivan Boesky, the investor fined \$100 million...

In New York, at least 12 subpoenas were served on Wall Street traders in an attempt by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to dig out detailed information on Mr Boesky's relationship with Drexel, Burnham Lambert...

Mr Boesky's downfall came when the SEC was told of his insider-trading activities by Mr Dennis Levine, a former Drexel managing director who was arrested on similar charges earlier this year.

Argentine talks offer to Britain

From Eduardo Cue, Buenos Aires

The Argentine Government called on Britain yesterday to agree to global negotiations over the Falklands and said it might eventually declare an end to the state of hostilities.

In a statement it said it was willing to resolve through negotiations "all the problems that exist between the two parties in addition to the dispute over sovereignty."

Baker to insist on teacher rewards

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker yesterday sought to put pressure on the teachers' unions to accept a more hierarchical pay structure as the poker game between the Government and the education service entered a last crucial phase.

Teachers' leaders and their local authority employers meet again tomorrow to put the finishing touches to the draft agreement reached early on Saturday morning at the conciliation service Acas.

Yesterday in the Commons, Mr Baker walked a tightrope between caving into the unions and the Labour-led council employers and imposing his own package.

His statement in reply to a question from Mr Giles Radice, the Labour education spokesman, began as a holding operation, saying that he was "considering" the draft text pending the outcome of the resumed talks.

But he then gave notice to the two sides in the long-running dispute that they will have to shift their ground before he can recommend the deal to Cabinet.

"Some progress has been made but there are major points of concern, first on the cost and particularly over the shape of the pay structure."

He returned to this point several times, saying it was "absolutely central" to have a pay structure that would reward the "good classroom teacher".

Mystery of Kim death reports

By Our Foreign Staff

South Korea put its police on full alert yesterday as it maintained that President Kim Il Sung, North Korea's leader for nearly 40 years, had been shot dead while travelling on a train.

But North Korean representatives in Moscow, Peking, Hanoi and Tokyo denied that Mr Kim, 74, was dead. The official Pyongyang Radio, monitored in Tokyo, made no reference to the South Korean report.

The South Korean Defence Ministry said yesterday that Mr Kim apparently had died or that a power struggle was under way in the communist nation. There was no confirmation from North Korea, but North Korean diplomats abroad sharply denied the report.

The official Soviet news agency Tass yesterday dropped any reference to President Kim Il Sung when it reported that the Mongolian leader, Mr Zhambyn Batmönkh, was on his way to Pyongyang.

Diplomats interpreted an earlier report that Mr Batmönkh had left Ulan Bator for a visit "at the invitation of... Kim Il Sung" as a sign from Moscow that the North Korean leader was alive despite reports he had been murdered.

The later Tass report said only that Mr Batmönkh had arrived in the port of Vladivostok. In Washington, the White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, said that US officials had received "some reports" about a power struggle in North Korea.

Prison officers may act on 'incitement' charge

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Prison Officers' Association is considering taking legal action over allegations that some prison officers incited inmates to take part in Britain's worst ever jail riots last spring.

The accusation comes from prisoners cited in the first independent report on the disturbances, published yesterday by the Prison Reform Trust. Dr Stephen Shaw, its director, said that, shamefully, a few rogue prison officers condoned and incited the riots.

Mr David Evans, the association's general secretary, said yesterday: "We are consulting our lawyers."

He added: "We find it inconceivable that any officer would instigate actions which would place themselves, their colleagues and their families in danger. We simply do not accept it was possible for any officer to incite prisoners to riot."

The prisoners themselves said the causes for the disturbances were their months before the riots. Mr Evans said: "Dr Shaw said: 'An extremely grave accusation about the role of certain prison officers in inciting the riots has been made by five of the six prisoners we spoke to.'"

Fires, riots, disturbances and violence broke out with a decision by prison officers to begin sanctions over manning levels. Twenty-two jails and detention centres were hit on April 30.

Both Dr Shaw and Mr Evans agree that there is a threat of more riots. Staff accused, page 5

Renault chief shot dead

Paris (Reuters) - A man and a woman on a motorcycle shot dead the president of the French Renault car company last night, an Interior Ministry official said.

The attack on M Georges Besse took place in a Montparnasse street at 7.25pm.

Alliance picks ad man

The SDP/Liberal Alliance yesterday acquired a new image-builder, Mr David Abbott, aged 48, chairman of Abbott, Mead & Vickers, a West End advertising agency with billings of between £75,000m and £80,000m a year.

Its clients include Sainsbury's, British Caledonian and Smiths Crisps.

BBC in new row over diplomats film

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The BBC is at the centre of a new controversy as the result of a documentary about the lives of British diplomats and journalists based in Moscow, which is thought by senior figures in the Foreign Office to have deliberately shown the work of the British Embassy in an unfavourable light.

British sources told The Times yesterday that the British Ambassador, Sir Bryan Cartledge, planned to write a personal letter to the BBC complaining about the film, Cavalier and Cornflakes, and its director, Mr Richard Denton, who was given unusually wide access to Embassy facilities as part of an arrangement reached before filming began last May.

Because of the anger among many diplomats at the treatment given to the Embassy's work, pressure is growing inside the Foreign Office for any similar access to be denied to the BBC in future films it may seek to make about embassies abroad.



Mr Richard Denton: The producer under fire

who were also taking part, that despite the agreement with the Foreign Office, much of the Embassy routine was out of reach of the cameras for "security reasons".

The film received mixed reviews when it was screened at the end of last month, with some British papers contending that it reflected poorly on the Embassy.

Much of the footage concentrated on emphasizing the remoteness of the life lived by diplomats from that of ordinary Soviet citizens, and much emphasis was laid on a petty squabble with journalists over Press passes to accompany a British delegation into the Kremlin.

The film has been dogged by controversy from the outset. When Mr Denton first arrived in Moscow, where he has a Soviet wife, he was unable to begin shooting immediately. His original camera crew refused to fly to the Soviet Union because of what they claimed were dangers posed by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. A substitute crew was eventually found.

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NEWS SUMMARY

House price rise bottoms out

The slowdown in house price increases is continuing, as the boom earlier in the year comes to an end and Christmas approaches, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says in a survey published today. The institution gave the verdict "slow but steady" on the market in the quarter ending on October 31.

Hatton locked out

Protesters from voluntary organizations and community groups whose grants are being cut by Liverpool City Council locked out Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of the city council, and other councillors yesterday when they arrived to attend a meeting at the town hall.

Kidnap finding

A fourth man was convicted yesterday for his part in the kidnaping earlier this year of Mrs Jennifer Guinness, whose husband, Mr John Guinness, was chairman of L.E. Guinness and Mahon merchant bank.

Branson appeals

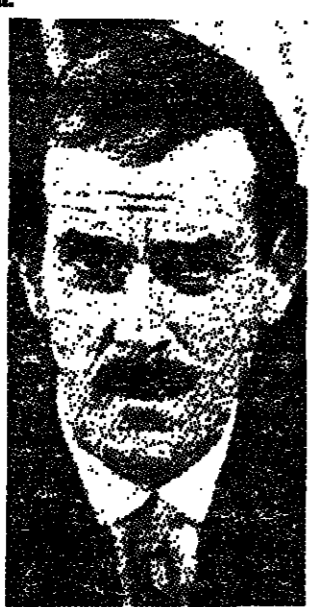
Mr Richard Branson, head of the Virgin travel to pop music empire, asked British industry yesterday for more help for the Government's "UK 2000" clean up scheme of which he is chairman.

Tourists' black day

Dudley in the "Black Country" is to spend £10 million over five years to join the top tourist attractions, if recommendations by the borough's economic development committee are accepted.

Just say Cleese

John Cleese (right), the comedy actor, has been voted the funniest man in Britain.



Fatstock injunction is lifted

A High Court judge, in Birmingham, has dismissed an attempt by nine members of the Association of British Abattoir Companies to outlaw strikes planned by 630 government fatstock officers.

Young 'are running drugs'

Young people are being used as runners between drug dealers and street customers, according to a report by the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Police.

MPs pull no punches in Aids inquiry

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence has been asked to supply information to a "no-holds-barred" select committee investigation into the Aids crisis.

Civil Liberties, which would have to decide what stance to take over measures to be taken restricting the freedom of Aids carriers and victims.

many servicemen may be carriers. Last month, it distributed 300,000 copies of a Health Education Council booklet with an insert reminding servicemen that homosexuality and drug-taking, the two activities which place their practitioners at greatest risk, were outlawed by service regulations.

Cars with no tax disc could be clamped

By Rodney Cowton

Cars which fail to display a valid tax disc could be impounded or have their wheels clamped if proposals by the Road Traffic Law Review are accepted.

In its consultative document published today the Road Traffic Law Review says there could be three purposes for which extending wheel-clamping or impounding could be considered to prevent the use of the vehicle on the road: to ensure that vehicle owners come forward to settle outstanding payments relating to their vehicles; or as a penalty imposed by a court for offences involving the use of a vehicle.

Gear failure is blamed for helicopter catastrophe

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A "catastrophic" gearbox failure was responsible for the Chinook helicopter crash off the Shetlands earlier this month in which 45 people were killed, it was disclosed last night.



Mr Bottomley, the Transport Minister, driving a bulldozer to dig up the first few yards for the Okehampton bypass, aimed at ending holiday traffic problems

Blackspot bypass underway

Mr Peter Bottomley, the Minister for Transport, yesterday started the work on the controversial bypass at Okehampton, Devon, by bulldozing the first few yards.

Mr Bottomley defended the choice of a southern bypass route which cuts across Dartmoor. He claimed the road would not scar the environment and said trees would be planted to hide sections of the dual carriageway.

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The preliminary report by the accident investigation chiefs provides a chilling account of the last moments before the Chinook plunged into the sea on November 6. The helicopter's commander was minutes from arriving at Sumburgh airport and had just received clearance to land.

"No further radio communication was heard from the Chinook. At this time the crew remarked on a noticeable increase in the noise level on the flight deck. One of them described it as a roaring noise.

Warning on Ulster uniforms

By Richard Ford

The police in Northern Ireland last night warned civilians who dressed in uniforms and appeared at public rallies that they risked prosecution.

Ilea office move could cost £67m

By Richard Ford

The cost of moving the Inner London Education Authority out of County Hall could range from £67 million to £236 million, according to a study commissioned by Ilea and carried out by the property consultants, Knight Frank & Rutley.

Police meet community over Tamil deaths

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police investigating the east London arson attack in which three Tamils died are to hold a public meeting tonight to explain to the local community the progress of the inquiry.

Britain is 'mean in giving aid'

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

Britain's aid to developing countries is becoming increasingly "mean, devious and unnecessary" and did nothing to help mass poverty, according to a group of experts.

Correction

The General Synod of the Church of England received the report Priotheod of the Ordained Ministry, not unanimously accepted it as stated on November 12.

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Airlines hope for mild winter as fuel prices seem set to increase

By Harvey Elliot, Air Correspondent

A harsh winter could push up the cost of air travel and dent the gradual recovery in airline profits.

British Airways, which benefited by more than £100 million from falling fuel prices in the first six months of this financial year, fears that the present glut in aviation fuel may be coming to an end leading to higher prices all round.

Any increase in fuel prices will have to be passed on to the passenger, probably about the time BA is trying to convince investors to put their money into the newly privatized airline.

The cost of crude oil slumped dramatically earlier this year, reaching as low as eight dollars a barrel. Airlines benefited from the drop with cuts averaging 32 per cent in the price of their jet fuel, but with bigger savings in Europe and America and far less in Africa and India.

This enabled BA and other airlines to keep down ticket prices and to reduce drastically the amount they spend on fuel. BA alone uses 900 million gallons of jet fuel every year and saved £100 million in the six months to September because of the lower jet fuel prices.

But already crude oil has gone up to about 14.5 dollars a barrel and Opec is hoping to push it to about 18 dollars a barrel.

So far little of this increase has been passed on to the airlines in higher jet fuel prices, mainly because there are huge stocks in tankers and refineries around the world. But a harsh winter could eat into this quickly as heating oil comes from the same refined part of the barrel.

Oil industry chiefs are already convinced that the prices they are charging airlines are too low in relation to crude prices and are anxious to put up the cost of jet fuel as soon as possible.

The extent to which fares would rise as a result of any increase would depend entirely on the new price being demanded. Fingers are being tightly crossed, especially within BA, that the winter is mild and no big increase is forthcoming.

It was the drop in fuel prices that contributed largely to the comparatively healthy £141 million half yearly profit figures announced by the company yesterday. Although these are down on the corresponding period for 1985, they could have been far worse.

Terrorism and Chernobyl cost BA at least £150 million in lost revenue and only the drop in fuel prices enabled the company to keep the overall decline in airline operating surplus to £52 million. Had the fuel prices not fallen they would either have had to announce far worse results or to increase their fares.

But the threat of another oil price rise around the corner underlines the volatile nature of the airline business.

Driver challenges breath test delay

By Craig Seton

The police had acted legally in "back calculating" from a blood sample to show that a motorist was drunk at the time of a fatal accident, although he was below the legal limit when tested more than four hours later, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Stephen Gumbley, aged 35, of Brixton, south-west London, is appealing on a point of law against his conviction for drink driving at Birmingham Magistrates' Court in June after a road accident in the city in which his brother, Gordon, was killed.

It was the first case of its kind in Britain. Mr Gumbley had denied the charge but was found guilty and banned from driving for a year, fined £750 and ordered to pay £900 costs.

Yesterday his counsel said there was confusion about the law which would create further problems unless the legal position was clarified.

The court was told that Mr Gumbley's blood alcohol in a sample taken in Birmingham city centre late at night in May last year, after he had had a night out drinking with his two brothers.

His brother, Gordon, died instantly. Mr Gumbley complained of feeling unwell at a police station near by and, after vomiting, was taken to hospital for treatment.

Mr Roger Smith, for West Midlands police, said four hours and 20 minutes elapsed before Mr Gumbley could give a blood sample in hospital.

The test showed that the specimen of blood contained 59 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood - below the legal limit of 80 milligrams.

M6 crash driver not reckless

The driver of the coach involved in an accident in which 13 people died in a motorway pile-up was cleared yesterday of causing death by reckless driving.

But a jury at Preston Crown Court decided John Bonnyman was guilty of careless driving. He was fined £200 and banned for three years.

Mr William Waldron, QC, for the prosecution, had alleged that Bonnyman, aged 63, drove at full speed into the back of vehicles on the M6 near Preston "totally oblivious to the traffic ahead".

The coach driver, who had worked for the same company for almost 40 years, declined to give evidence or call witnesses for his defence during yesterday's hearing.

He told police when interviewed 10 days after the catastrophe which also left 42 people injured, that he could give no explanation and could remember little about the accident involving the London-to-Edinburgh coach.

Bonnyman, of Miller Place, Edinburgh, was awarded costs of the case because most of the expense was for the reckless driving charge.

The jury of six men and six women took three and a half hours to reach its verdict on Bonnyman, who had pleaded not guilty to four specimen charges of causing death by reckless driving.

The careless driving verdict was by majority of 10-2.

Mr Justice MacPherson had been told that Bonnyman had lost his public service vehicle licence after the accident in his closing speech to the jury, Mr Ronald Livesey, QC, for Bonnyman, said the primary cause of the crash was the manner in which the roadworks were done so as to cause danger.

Priceless shield is put on display

By Kenneth Gosling

An ancient Celtic shield discovered in a Surrey gravel pit has been put on display at the British Museum in London.

The shield, described as "unique and priceless", is unusual in being made entirely of bronze, the first to be found anywhere in Celtic Europe.

It probably belonged to a priest and was used on ceremonial rather than warlike occasions, according to Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper in the Department of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities at the museum.

As in the case of many ceremonial objects of that period - it dates back to 550BC - it was probably part of a ritual, perhaps when its owner died.

Nurse managers in lost jobs row

By Jill Sherman

Some nurse managers are losing their jobs because they are refusing to implement cuts in the health service, a Royal College of Nursing official claims.

The introduction of general management in the National Health Service has led to several management posts being lost, and those who have spoken out loudest against cuts in services face a high risk of redundancy, Mr David Anderson, RCN officer for South Birmingham, said.

Mr Stuart Dickens, South Birmingham district general manager, said yesterday that Mrs Saddington, aged 59, had not been made redundant and the authority intended to discuss a number of options with her, including early retirement.

"Mrs Saddington is recognised as one of the best community nurses in the country," Mr Anderson said.

Her job, as director of community nursing, has disappeared because her unit has been merged into a larger one.

He claimed that about 10 top nurse managers within the West Midlands health authority have lost their posts because they have opposed cuts in patient services.

He is representing Mrs Nora Saddington, director of nursing services for South Birmingham Health Authority, who says that she has been "twiddling her thumbs", on a salary of £17,200, because the authority cannot find a job for her.

Mentally ill 'left stranded'

By a Staff Reporter

Mentally ill and mentally handicapped people are becoming stranded in private residential care with no access to social work support, the Association of County Councilors says (Jill Sherman writes).

The association says that because people are often moved from one institution to another they can end up in a private home, miles from where they were originally living, with no local authority taking responsibility to ensure that they get adequate care.

That can create difficulties in determining who should meet "topping up payments", the difference between the charge levied by the private home and the maximum paid in board and lodging benefits by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The association has issued draft guidelines to its members putting the financial responsibility squarely on the shoulders of the local authority where the individual was first put into care.

The guidelines should ensure that the placing authority keeps track of each individual in care even when they move to services outside the area, Mr Tony de Santoy, under secretary of the association, said.

Deaf-mute knifeman sent to Rampton

Paul Espie, aged 22, a deaf and dumb student from Belfast, was sent to Rampton high-security hospital yesterday after admitting the manslaughter of Matthew Lewis, of Reading, Berkshire.

Espie made his plea through an interpreter after having the charges explained to him in sign language at Exeter Crown Court.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith ordered that he should be kept indefinitely and restricted under the Mental Health Act.

Mr Paul Chadwick, for the prosecution, said Espie and Lewis had an argument over a video recording being shown at the Royal National Institute for the Deaf home in Court Grange, near Newton Abbot.

Shortly afterwards Lewis was found dying in a pool of blood on the landing of the home, after being knifed eight times, including three wounds to his heart.

The trial continues.

Air disaster 'used for £300,000 blackmail'

The Air India catastrophe in which 347 people died when a jumbo jet exploded over the Atlantic in June last year was used to blackmail a prominent member of a religious organization in west London, a court was told yesterday.

The victim, who cannot be named by order of the judge, was told to pay £300,000 by men who claimed he was behind the carriage, Mr Reginald Batt, for the prosecution, told Isleworth Crown Court.

Referring to the victim as "Mr Abrahams", Mr Batt said that John Cleveland, also known as Philip Tenyo, "sought to extract more than a quarter of a million pounds from the secretary of a holy organization, by threatening to kill that secretary, his family and others and to blow up their holy shrine".

"Mr Abrahams" was telephoned and visited by Cleveland and then on March 19 he

Bradford City disaster Letter to club 'was misunderstood'

By Ian Smith

The vice-chairman of Bradford City football club failed to act on a county council warning about the fire risk posed by the club grandstand because he misunderstood and misjudged the significance of the local authority letter, a High Court judge was told yesterday.

Mr Jack Tordoff said that had he realized the enormity of the potential fire hazard, he would have pressed for an immediate smoking ban to be implemented in the early twentieth century wooden grandstand at Valley Parade.

Mr Tordoff said that a letter from West Yorkshire County Council, dated July 11, 1984, confirming that the grandstand was unsafe, was greeted with jubilation because it supported the club's application to the Football Grounds Improvements Trust for a £500,000 grant to carry out urgent repair work.

But a second letter, dated July 18, sent from the county council, which was also the local fire authority, was merely filed, although it drew the club's attention to the risk of a serious blaze if a smouldering cigarette fell into a build-up of litter in the void underneath the stadium seats.

Mr Tordoff told the High Court in Leeds that he had never previously heard the word "void" and wrongly presumed it referred to the space between the seats and the floorboards which was swept clean after every match by a volunteer group of pensioners.

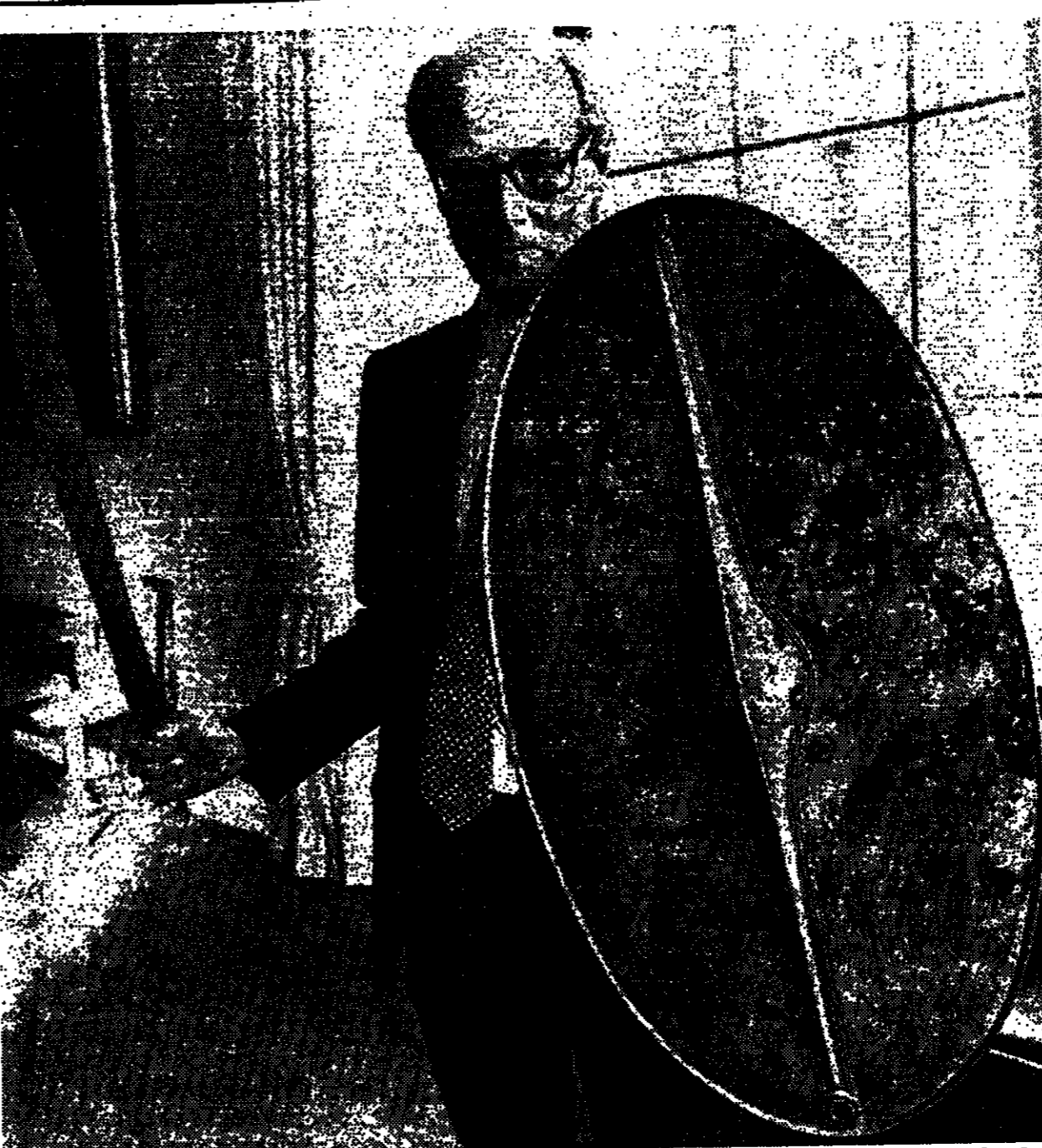
He decided to sit on the letter because he thought its contents about improvements necessary at Valley Parade would apply only if Bradford was promoted from the third division and needed to obtain a safety certificate.

"If the letter had specifically required immediate attention it would have been given immediate attention, but there was no urgency in the letter we received from West Yorkshire County Council," Mr Tordoff said.

He added: "I had never heard the word 'void'. I thought it was referring to rubbish."

The club vice-chairman was giving evidence on the sixth day of a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher and her son, Martin, aged 13, in an attempt to prove liability against Bradford City Football Club, the Health and Safety Executive and West Yorkshire County Council for the fire in May last year when 56 people died, including Mrs Fletcher's husband, son, brother-in-law and his father.

The hearing continues today.



Dr Ian Stead, of the British Museum, with the unique Celtic ceremonial shield and a sword that were both found at Chertsey, Surrey. The shield, which dates back to 550BC, was found in a gravel pit (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Portfolio Gold Prize win for wife's birthday

A Civil Servant and a retired computer software distributor share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Gomer Davies, aged 72, from St John's Wood, north-west London, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started.

"I am very thrilled to have won. The money is a godsend," he said.

When asked how he intended spending his winnings, Mr Davies said: "It will be for the benefit of my dear wife. Her seventy-fourth birthday is coming up and I would like to make her happy."

Mr Peter Woods, aged 41, from Chiswick in west London, has played the Portfolio Gold game regularly since it started.

"I just could not believe my luck. I checked the numbers three times before I was sure," he said.

Mr Woods said the prize money will be spent on his two daughters. "I'll also buy some British Gas shares and what is left over will go towards next year's holiday."

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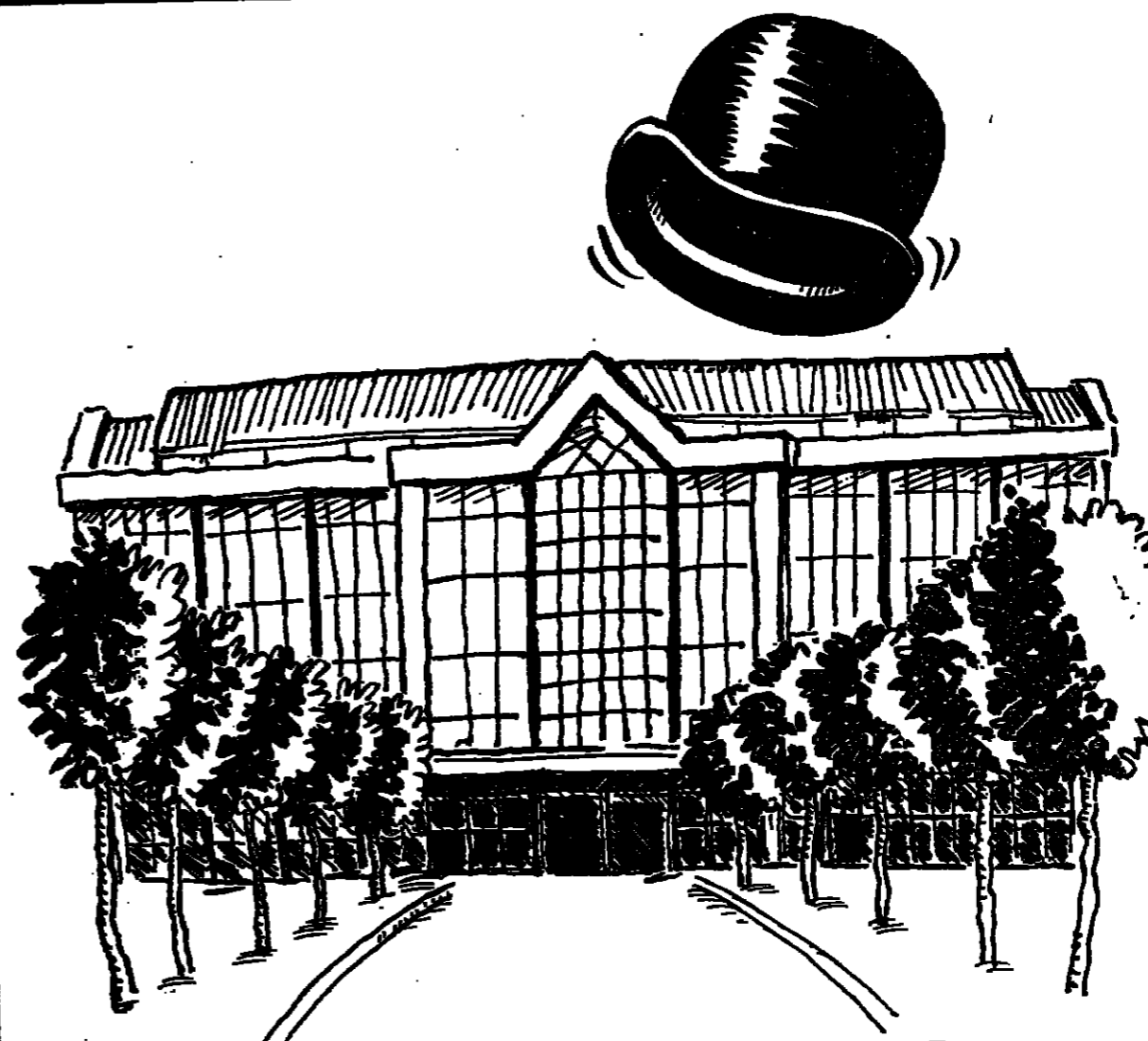


Mr Peter Woods could not believe his luck

New Legion victim found

Health experts in Gloucestershire have discovered a tenth victim of the present outbreak of Legionnaires' disease, who has now recovered.

His case was confirmed after examination of family doctors' records as part of an inquiry to find a common source for the outbreak in which one man has died.



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Independent report on disturbances warns of more conflict ahead

Prison staff accused of inciting riots in jails

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Some prison officers incited inmates to take part in Britain's worst prison riots, according to the first independent report on them yesterday.

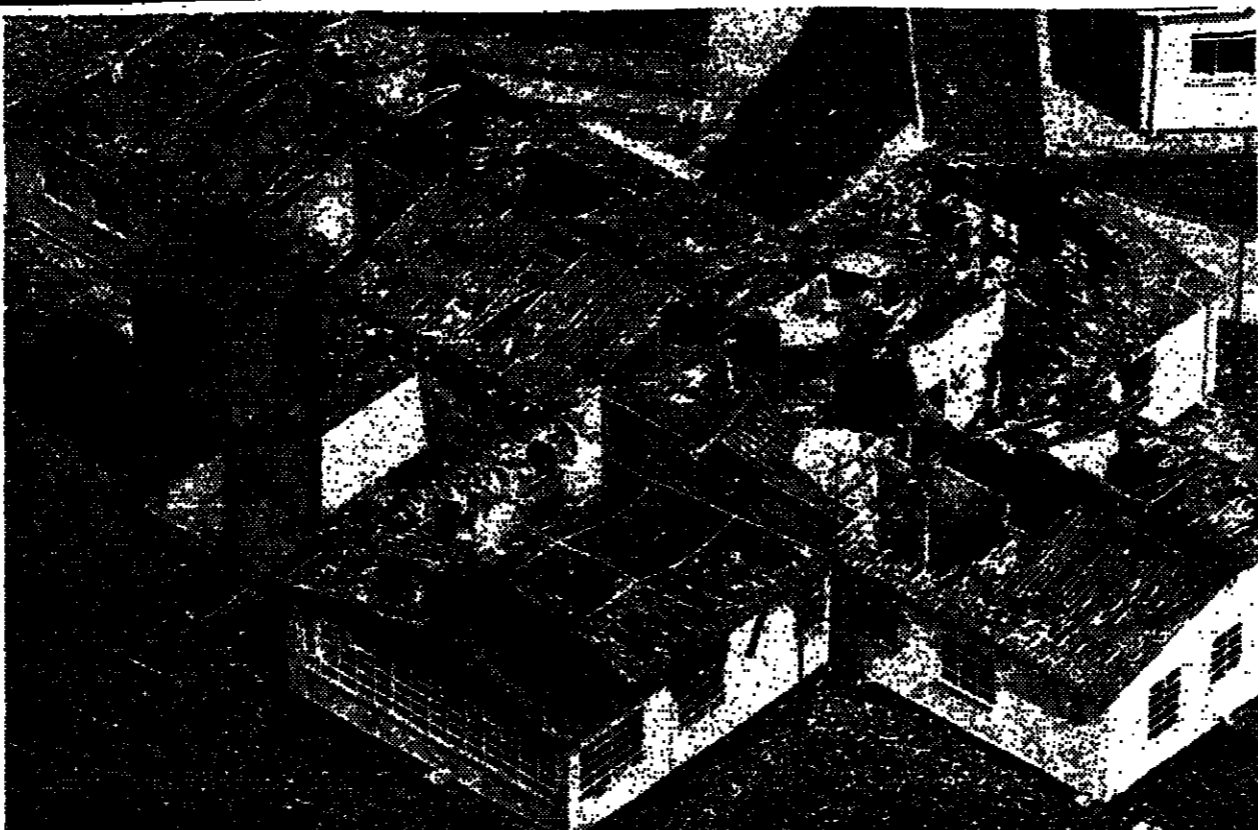
The "extremely grave" accusation in a report of the Prison Reform Trust "about the role of certain prison officers" has been made by five of six prisoners spoken to, Dr Stephen Shaw, its director, said yesterday.

Disturbances, including riots and fires, broke out on April 30 after a decision by prison officers to impose sanctions in their dispute about manning levels.

"The Prison Officers' Association yesterday said the accusation in the report was 'disgraceful' and 'one which we strongly refute'."

The report has been sent to Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, who is investigating the riots for Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

One prisoner at Northeye Prison, near Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, which was prac-



Northeye opens prison outside Bexhill-on-Sea, in East Sussex, after the riots last April in which it was almost destroyed, and the library (below), one of many areas of the jail to suffer substantial damage.

tically burnt down during the disturbances, said: "On the night of the riot there were only four screws on duty because of the overtime ban. We wouldn't have known that but one of the screws who was on that night told my mate: 'There's only four of us on tonight so you can cause a bit of havoc in the camp'."

"He came back and told the rest of us. Obviously the screws thought it would help their cause if there was some trouble with not enough of them on duty."

Another prisoner, at Wymott Prison, Lancashire, which was also seriously damaged, wrote: "Nothing led up to the riots at Wymott, but the prison officers did provoke the cons into a riot. They said things like 'Do a good job tonight lads' and 'Do us proud lads'. They knew what was going on and what was about to happen that night."

The Prison Officers' Association said yesterday the accounts were by anonymous prisoners whose names were withheld because they took an active part in the disturbances and admitted to doing so.

It was inconceivable that officers would encourage such behaviour and thus place their own lives and those of their colleagues and families, who live adjacent to the prisons, at risk.

Close scrutiny of the anonymous accounts showed stark inconsistencies in the prisoners' accounts. The decision by the Prison Reform Trust to publish the anonymous accounts was not in-

keeping with the impartial standards that had come to be expected from the trust.

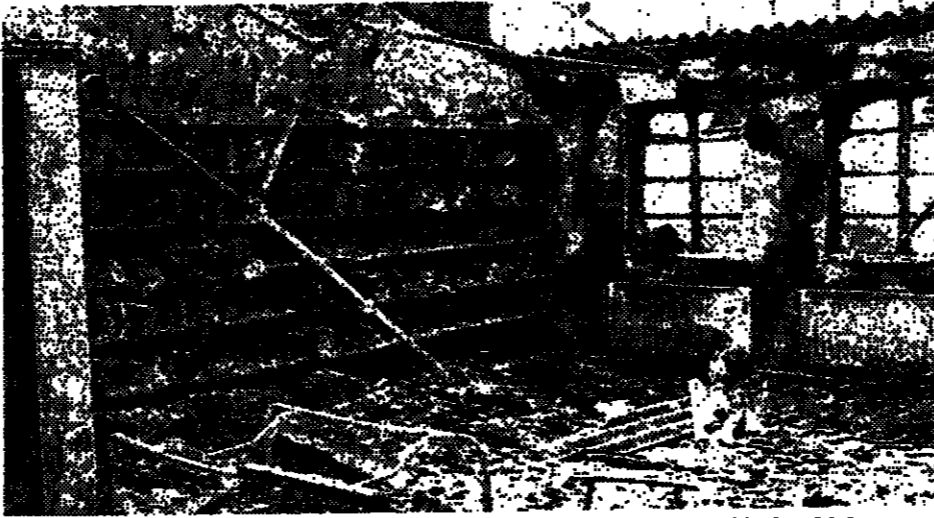
The report admits there are some significant differences in the interpretation of events as well as examples of personal prejudice.

But it says: "In fact it is really rather surprising how many similarities there are between the accounts, given the widely differing backgrounds and attitudes of these prisoners and the fact that they do not know one another."

Dr Shaw says there was no single cause of the disturbances, however. "In part they occurred because the Home Office's industrial relations tactics relied upon brinkmanship, upon calling the prison officers' bluff.

Shamefully, a few rogue prison officers took up that challenge and condoned and incited the series of riots.

"Unrest continues in our prisons and with the prospect of a further clash between the



Home Office and the Prison Officers' Association over the introduction of new pay scales, there is every reason to be fearful of a repetition of the destruction and violence we witnessed earlier this year."

The trust says the picture of life in some of the prisons before the riots is disturbing. At Northeye, prisoners say that muggings and fights over tobacco and drugs were commonplace.

Prison officers are accused of allowing prisoners extra privileges just before the overtime ban when all privileges were suddenly withdrawn.

At Wymott, inmates accuse prison officers of taking and hiding tools from prison workshops as a means of incitement.

The Riots of '86 (Prison Reform Trust, 59 Caledonian Road, London N1 8BU, £1.95 + 50p p+p).

Attempt to settle warship wrangle

By Sheila Gama, Political Staff

The Government is making a fresh attempt to settle the bitter dispute over the future design of naval warships by ordering a new "impartial" inquiry.

Mr Hugh MacLeod, chairman of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, has agreed to head the inquiry, which will investigate the merits of building short, fat frigates compared with the traditional long, thin ships.

The controversy about the squat S90 design has rumbled on for 10 years, causing conflict between naval architects, Ministry of Defence officials and shipbuilders.

The ministry has been accused of being prejudiced against the much cheaper but radical short, fat hulls.

The unseemly wrangling came to a head this summer when the original chairman of an "independent" inquiry, Professor John Caldwell, President of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects, was forced to step down amid claims that he was biased.

That was followed by a letter in *The Times* against the short, fat design signed by "Nicholas Wardle". Captain Guy Lizard, director of public relations for the Royal Navy, later admitted he was the author.

He argued that he had been writing in "an entirely personal capacity".

Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, announcing the new inquiry, said its report should be published subject to security and commercial considerations.

Evidence will be taken in secret from all those qualified to speak on the subject. Its report is not expected until the second half of next year.

Mrs Thatcher, who has taken a personal interest in the issue, is hoping that given Lloyd's technical expertise on ship design the new inquiry will result in a thorough and impartial appraisal of the two types of hull under a chairman who is acceptable to all parties.

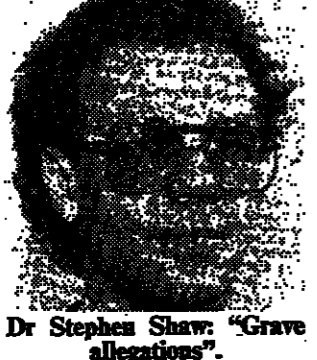
Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, a former First Sea Lord and Chief of Defence Staff, headed an unofficial inquiry which reported to the Prime Minister in May.

Its report, *Hull Forms for Warships*, came out in favour of the radical short, fat S90 and severely criticized the Ministry of Defence's handling of ship design.

Advocates of the S90 design argue that it will be possible to build four ships for the price of three of the traditional Duke class frigates.

Captain John Moore, editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships*, has urged the ministry to "take a deep breath" and order one £32 million frigate of the new design.

Contributions to the new inquiry should be sent to the Chief Ships Surveyor, Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 71 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 4BJ. Letters, page 15.



Dr Stephen Shaw: "Grave allegations".

Campaign to limit law claims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A concerted campaign by all the professions to bring in statutory protection against huge negligence claims is called for in a paper to be published by groups representing barristers and architects.

The paper has been prepared on behalf of the Campaign for the Bar and the Association of Consultant Architects.

The two bodies - ginger groups within their respective professions - urge their governing bodies to help launch a united campaign after the Government's recent rejection of any limitation on the professions' liability in negligence claims.

But they say that any demand for a change in the law to give professions statutory protection must be accompanied by protections for the consumer.

The paper, written by Mr Anthony Speight, a barrister and member of Campaign for the Bar, outlines a package of proposals.

It says there must be a statutory limitation on liability, which might vary between the professions.

It may be £250,000 for architects, engineers, and surveyors (whose insurance premiums are particularly high), and £500,000 for lawyers, accountants, and doctors.

"Such levels would be quite adequate to meet the claims brought by the ordinary citizen," the paper says.

Very few personal injury claims exceed £500,000 and most claims against architects by ordinary citizens are for no more than the cost of an ordinary house.

The paper says that a member of one of the protected professions would commit a criminal offence if he offered his professional services without insurance cover up to the prescribed sum.

It adds: "Such reassurance to the public must be an essential feature of any successful scheme."

There would be a Professions Insurance Bureau, modelled on the Motor Insurers' Bureau, that would meet all claims in respect of uninsured or untraced professional men.

Film maker wins \$5m court award

A film producer won more than \$5 million (about £3.3 million) in the High Court yesterday after allegations that he was involved in an illegal "kickback" deal with Lord Grade were dropped.

Mr Martin Starger, an American-born film maker, aged 54, is being paid the cash by the Bell Group, owned by Mr Robert Holmes a Court, the Australian businessman. The company is also paying the estimated \$1 million costs of the action.

Mr Holmes a Court had accused Mr Starger and Lord Grade, the former ATV chairman, of signing an "over-generous sweetheart deal" for his work on films including *Golden Pond*, *Sophie's Choice*, and *The Muppet Movie*. He claimed that he discovered, after Bell took over ATV in 1982, that half the profits claimed by Mr Starger were going into Lord Grade's pocket.

Mr Sidney Kentridge, QC, Mr Starger's counsel, told Mr Justice Leonard that the "serious allegations of fraud" were withdrawn, and a "considerable sum, considerable even by the standards of the film industry" was being paid in settlement of the action.

He said that although the defendants were not willing to add "a full and frank expression of regret", Mr Starger

Second union poll under way

By Michael McCarthy

The second contest this year between the right and the far left for the leadership of Britain's biggest Civil Service union, the Civil and Public Services Association, got under way yesterday.

Voting began in the new election for the CPA's general secretary, called after allegations of irregularities in the first poll, which was narrowly won by Mr John Macreadie, a supporter of Militant Tendency. Mr Macreadie beat Mr John Ellis, his right-wing opponent, by 20,424 votes to 20,363 in June.

The union's national executive called in the Electoral Reform Society to scrutinize the ballot after allegations of electoral malpractice. The society found no firm evidence of ballot-rigging but reported that 21 of the union's branches had been denied an opportunity to vote. The union subsequently decided to hold another poll.

The rules have been changed and all the union's 145,000 members will receive ballot papers at their place of work. In the last election they had to attend meetings in order to collect them.

The result is likely to be declared next month.

Sizewell decision early next year

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Government will announce early next year whether the Central Electricity Generating Board can go ahead with the Sizewell B nuclear power station in Suffolk.

After more than a year's delay, the public inquiry report by Sir Frank Layfield into the application to build Britain's first pressurized water reactor is due to reach Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, in the last week of November or first week of December.

Although the report runs into thousands of pages with more than 100 chapters, Mr Walker has made it clear he does not intend to sit on its findings, and hopes to tell Parliament of his decision immediately after the Christmas recess.

The Labour Party has already said it would cancel Sizewell B even if construction had started and there had been suggestions that the Government might delay making an announcement until after next year's expected general election in order to avoid political controversy.

But Mr Walker is anxious to end the uncertainty which has surrounded the future of Britain's nuclear power industry for more than four years and hampered future plans for electricity generation.

He believes an announcement must be made as swiftly as possible so that key decisions on electricity production can be taken, including replacing out-dated coal fired power stations.

After the Chernobyl disaster public doubts about nuclear power increased, but the latest market research by the Department of Energy has confirmed that confidence in the industry's safety record is being restored.

If as widely expected, Mr Walker gives permission for the £1,500 million Sizewell power station, the CEBG will be able to start work within weeks. It has already ordered key parts of the PWR system and is anxious to make a rapid start, especially as the delay is costing it £500,000 a month.

The CEBG wants to build a "small family" of PWR stations after Sizewell including one at Hinkley in Somerset.

The Sizewell inquiry, which ran from January 1983 to March 1985, heard evidence from 200 witnesses on 340 days, but the CEBG is hopeful that future applications to build PWR plants will not involve such lengthy proceedings.

Coroner to seek links in deaths

A coroner yesterday unexpectedly adjourned an inquest into any link between two deaths in Bristol, Avon.

Mr Donald Hawkins, the Avon coroner, stopped an inquest into the death of Mr Arshad Sharif, aged 26, of Forest Road, Walthamstow, east London, who was found dead in his car with a tow-roped round his neck and the other end round a tree.

Mr Hawkins said he wanted to investigate any link between the death of Mr Sharif and that of a computer analyst, Mr Vimal Dajibhai, aged 24, who plunged from the Clifton suspension bridge in August. They both worked for the same company and had no reason to be in Bristol.

Man charged after TV plea

A man appeared before Lincoln magistrates yesterday charged with abducting a boy aged eight.

Stuart Smith, aged 38, a cleaner, of Cromwell Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, was remanded in custody for seven days. He was arrested the day after *Crimestop*, the BBC television programme, appealed for information about the boy's disappearance last August.

Drive against sexual pests

Embarrassing jokes and unwelcome comments on dress are being included among grounds for complaint by Derbyshire County Council.

The Labour-controlled council is sending its 35,000 employees a leaflet outlining procedures for taking action against sexual harassment.

Marble mined for cathedral

Marble has been mined at the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset for the first time in generations, to help with repairs to Lincoln Cathedral.

The stone was needed to repair window surrounds at the cathedral. Lengthy negotiations took place before permission was given for the stone to be removed.

Offensive at sea on drugs

Customs and excise are going on the "offensive" in their battle against seaborne drug smugglers, with a new headquarters and three improved patrol boats to watch the British coastline.

The former HMS Vernon naval base at Portsmouth has taken over from London as the new headquarters for the customs and excise marine branch - which last year seized more than 90 per cent of the total £107 million drugs haul in Britain.

The new headquarters will direct the countrywide activities of the department's seven fast patrol boats.

Mr Kevin Olsen, head of the marine branch, said: "The move will increase efficiency and enable us to respond much faster.

"It's not good enough any more being on the defensive, we've now got to go on the offensive."

Airborne radar: 2 Boeing optimistic of deal

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, will clamber inside a Nimrod airborne early warning aircraft at the British Aerospace complex at Woodford in Cheshire today and fly over the Pennines and out over the North Sea for a first-hand demonstration of the capabilities of the highly complex battery of technical equipment stacked on board.

On November 6, he took a test flight in the rival Boeing E-3 Awacs aircraft to see what it could do. Mr Younger, a former Argyle and Sutherland Highlander, will no doubt be impressed by the scientific wizardry behind both aircraft.

His department has decided that both have the potential to meet the list of so-called cardinal requirements of the RAF, so other considerations are likely to weigh heavily in the decision he takes to the Cabinet.

In Boeing's favour is the fact that the E-3 has a proven track record in operational conditions. The first entered service with the USAF in March 1977 and since then the fleet of 52 aircraft in use by the Americans, Nato and Saudi Arabia has logged more than 200,000 operational flight hours.

Although it will be more expensive initially than the GEC bid - it is estimated that a further £50 million will be

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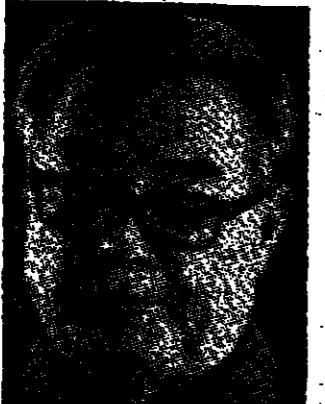


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Alert by Seoul as killing of North's leader is rumoured

From David Watts, Tokyo

South Korean military and police forces were on alert last night after reports that President Kim Il Sung of North Korea had been assassinated, but more than a full day after the first reports of his death, the South's alert was the only objective fact.



President Kim: reports of assassination unconfirmed.

The North Korean Residents' Association in Tokyo, which has close contacts with the North, denounced the reports of Kim's death as a "total fabrication" after checking with the North Korean capital, Pyongyang. It said the South Korean Government of President Chun Doo Hwan was faced with a growing protest movement and was trying to find a way out of its predicament by diverting popular attention and outrage to other areas.

A Japan Socialist Party delegation, in Pyongyang to discuss a new fishing agreement, said that everything appeared to be normal in the capital. There had been no mention of anything unusual when the delegation met Mr Ho Il, secretary-general of the North Korean Workers' Party and a member of the Politburo.

The main items on the midday and evening editions of Radio Pyongyang made no mention of any such incident, both carrying reports of the President's recent visit to Moscow. There have been reports, however, of an attempt on President Kim's life within the last month, after which the attackers are said to have fled to China.

The mystery surrounding the fate of President Kim may be resolved today, when the leader of the Mongolian People's Republic, Mr Jambyn Batmönkh, is due to arrive in Pyongyang for a visit.

Signs of trouble in communist Korea

From Robert Greaves, Peking

The Chinese Foreign Ministry denied yesterday that China was harbouring two alleged assassins of President Kim Il Sung of North Korea.

It was reported in Seoul yesterday that Mr Kim had been shot by two assassins who had escaped to China. Loudspeakers on the North Korean side of the boundary between the two Koreas had reportedly broadcast the news to the South Korean side.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman termed the report "a fabrication with ulterior motives". The official did not say whether the Chinese knew of the report in advance.

The North Korean Embassy in Peking also denied that Mr Kim had been shot, or even that an attack had been made on him. "The great leader is in good health," an embassy spokesman said.

None the less, diplomats in Peking said that some sort of trouble appears to have been brewing in North Korea. They cite an alleged accident some weeks ago which befell the North Korean Defence Min-

ister, the only member of the ruling Politburo who is not related to Mr Kim, as evidence of an internal struggle.

The North Korean military has been restless under the regime of Mr Kim and has therefore become a problem for the Government. It is also thought that many elements in the Government do not wish to see Mr Kim's son, Mr Kim Jong Il, succeed his father as leader.

"When there is smoke, there is sometimes fire," said one diplomat.

Mr Edward Rowley, the chief American arms negotiator who has been in Peking to brief Chinese officials on Sino-US arms negotiations, said yesterday that none of the Chinese officials he questioned appeared to know anything about the alleged incident in North Korea.

But Austrian diplomats said that the test of Mr Kim's health will come today, when he is expected to meet Mr Jambyn Batmönkh, leader of the Republic of Mongolia, at Pyongyang airport.

Greeks woo East and West

From Mario Mediano, Athens

The first official visit by a Greek Foreign Minister to Washington for more than 20 years, which begins today, coincides with a rare Soviet fleet visit to France.

The squadron is under Vice-Admiral Mikhail Chronopoulos, commander of the Black Sea fleet, whose name significantly suggests Greek ancestry.

This and the low-key publicity to the Washington visit are typical of an even-handedness in Greek foreign policy, which regards it as deceptive.

Mr Karellos Papoulias, the Foreign Minister, and his host, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, are expected to take stock of the progress achieved in what they call the "step by step" approach to improve US-Greek relations. This is their seventh meeting in 16 months.

The Americans want a commitment from Greece to keep their military bases here beyond the end of this decade. Under the existing agreement, Athens has the discretion to ask in 1988 for the removal of all bases.

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, resisted earlier pressure from Mr Shultz, arguing that his party faced a crucial popularity test at the October elections and such a commitment would alienate left-wing voters.

However, signs are emerging that even hardcore Socialists are specializing the heavy cost to Greece if the bases were removed.

Muslims in Melilla shut shops

Muslim shopkeepers in the Spanish enclave of Melilla, on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco, closed yesterday in defiance of a warning that those responding to a call for a four-day shutdown of business establishments would be subject to fines.

They were supporting demands in Melilla and Ceuta for the withdrawal of a new aliens' law, which they claim discriminates against them.

Group attacks petrol stations

Copenhagen (Reuters) - An anti-apartheid group, calling itself Solidarity-Steve Biko, said it damaged 21 petrol stations owned by the Danish subsidiary of the Shell oil company in protest against Shell's interests in South Africa.

Solomons PM resigns in row

Honiara (Reuters) - Mr Peter Kenilorea, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands, has resigned, citing loss of his majority support in Parliament after six senior ministers quit his Cabinet amid allegations that he had secretly accepted aid worth £90,200 from the Governor of French Polynesia, M Gaston Flosse.

Refloat failure

Reykjavik (AP) - Efforts to re-float two Icelandic whaling boats, scuttled by anti-whaling activists in Reykjavik harbour, have failed so far, but the operation will continue.

Lovelorn trip

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - A "love boat" cruise has landed its Israeli organizers in court after 15 women, each demanding \$50,000 compensation, alleged that no eligible men were on board.

Mixed progress on Soviet economic reforms

Growth up but quality must be improved

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

A mixed picture of the progress of Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's ambitious economic reform programme was presented yesterday to delegates who gathered in the Kremlin to endorse the 1987 budget and hear an economic report from the Soviet Union's chief planner, Mr Nikolai Talyzin.

Although Mr Talyzin, a Gorbachev appointee, claimed that growth rates during 1986 were expected to be the highest achieved in the decade, he also noted that a transition to a new style of work was slow in some areas and that "no qualitative breakthrough has yet begun".

Mr Talyzin, a member of the 12-strong ruling Politburo, laid great emphasis on the improvement required in the poor quality of Soviet goods, stating in what was a thinly disguised threat to state enterprises which do not meet the requirements of a new quality control body. "The national economy does not need bad work and it will not be accepted."

Speaking under a giant marble statue of Lenin, Mr



Politburo members voting yesterday at the Supreme Soviet. Mr Mikhail Gorbachev (bottom row, right) sits with President Gromyko. Two rows behind Mr Gorbachev is the Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, in pensive mood.

Talyzin added in frank admission: "In the area of improving quality, we are far from achieving strategic targets established by the 27th Party Congress (in February)."

In an address heavy on raw economic statistics and light on rhetorical skills, Mr Talyzin said that Soviet industrial output was set to rise by 4.4 per cent next year, compared with 4.3 per cent in 1986. The equivalent figures for national

income were 4.1 per cent and 3.9 per cent.

The biannual session of the Supreme Soviet, a body which traditionally rubberstamps the budget and the national plan, was told by Mr Boris Gostev, the Finance Minister, that in 1987, for the third year in succession, defence spending would remain at 4.6 per cent of total expenditure.

In total, Soviet defence spending for next year was announced as 20.2 billion

roubles (£20.6 billion), a figure treated with extreme scepticism by Western governments, which estimate the true percentage of defence in the overall budget to be about 14 per cent.

Despite this element of Western doubt about the figures, the amount announced annually to the deputies from the Soviet Union's 15 republics is taken as an important political signal. Mr Gostev said yesterday that the figure

would have to remain constant because of the refusal of the US to curb the arms race, and he cited President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative as a factor in Moscow's decision.

There were few political surprises at the session apart from the reappearance in public for the first time in many months of Marshal Sergei Sokolov, aged 75, the Defence Minister who has been suffering from an unspecified illness

González claims Havana success

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, arrived back yesterday from a tour of three Latin American countries with a promise from President Castro to release a Spanish-born guerrilla imprisoned in Cuba for 21 years.

During the visit Señor González, with the Cuban and Peruvian Governments, expressed solidarity with Argentina over its sovereignty claim to the Falkland Islands.

The "humanitarian gesture" to free Señor Eloy Gutiérrez Menoyo, coupled with a promise from Cuba to pay \$40 million (£28 million) in compensation for Spanish property seized after the 1959 revolution, enabled Señor González to present the most controversial stage of his journey as a success.

Señor Gutiérrez, now aged 51, is expected to be freed before the end of the year. The guerrilla leader fell out with President Castro over Cuba's growing dependence on the Soviet Union.

Lima proved the most difficult stage of the trip, with the Spanish leader resisting attempts by President García to get him to break ranks with Western creditor nations over payment of Peru's \$14,000 million foreign debt.

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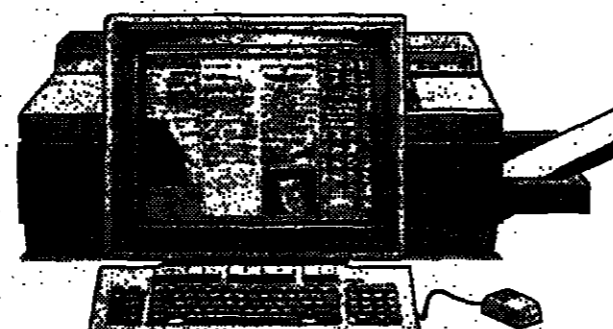
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The MI5 revelations trial Britain claims book by intelligence officer would endanger agents

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

After legal arguments lasting 14 months, the British Government yesterday launched its case for suppressing Mr Peter Wright's manuscript with an outline of the damage it claims would be caused by the book's publication.

In seeking an injunction to stop the former MI5 officer's book, Britain was supported in the South Wales Supreme Court by an eight-hour affidavit filed by the Hawke Government.

Both administrations argued that for a former intelligence officer, supposedly bound to silence, to disclose confidential security material would compromise intelligence organizations and threaten national security.

Earlier, the British side had its request to the Court of Appeal for a stay of proceedings refused. But the court is to consider tomorrow - in what amounts to a trial within a trial - an application for leave to appeal against last week's Supreme Court order that Whitehall hand over secret documents as relevant background to the case.

When the action finally got under way, the small courtroom was packed with spectators. Also in court were Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, Mr John Bailey, the Treasury Solicitor, and six other Whitehall civil servants.

The central figure, Mr Wright, was not present, but he has come to Sydney from his retirement home in Tasmania.

At the outset, Mr Gavin Griffith, the Solicitor-General of Australia, rose to say he would be attending so that "issues of Crown privilege and public interest immunity" for Australia could be raised if necessary.

Mr Theo Simos QC, appearing for the British Government, said Mr Wright's confidential information had been gathered while he was an officer of MI5 and was bound by a contractual obligation of confidence.

It made no difference, Mr Simos added, that Whitehall had admitted, for the purposes of the case, that the allegations in his book were true.

Four affidavits by Sir Robert were read out in court. In them, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher's principal adviser on security and intelligence, he listed the objections to publication.

In the first, Sir Robert said that during Mr Wright's MI5 service between 1955 and 1976 he had had access to highly sensitive and classified information.

The publication of such information would cause "unquantifiable damage" to MI5, as other security services from which it received information would lose confidence in its ability to protect secrets.

Sir Robert said in a second affidavit that Mr Wright had occupied "senior positions of trust". His disclosures would, in addition to being detrimental to the national interest and damaging to MI5, endanger intelligence officers and their families.

In his third affidavit, filed last August after seeing the manuscript for the first time, Sir Robert said he was unable

to comment on the specific allegations it contains. "With out causing damage which it is the purpose of these proceedings to avoid", MI5 had to be seen to be leakproof, and Mr Wright's disclosures, irrespective of their content or accuracy, would impair its liaison with friendly security services.

Even information which was apparently innocuous could be used to check the veracity of information already in the possession of hostile intelligence services.

Valuable intelligence could be gained about sources of information and the structure and working of the service.

It would be helpful for hostile intelligence to know, for example, what a defector to Britain had told MI5. It would then be known what information remained undetected and which agents had not fallen under suspicion.

In a fourth and final affidavit, dated November 6, Sir Robert also said that disclosure would help hostile intelligence ascertain which sources could be relied upon. It would also damage internal trust and recruitment to MI5 and might encourage other ex-officers to make disclosures.

Additionally, he said the identification of premises used by MI5 exposed the service to attack.

In the Australian Government affidavit, Mr Michael Codd, Secretary to the Cabinet, said he had read Mr Wright's manuscript and he believed its publication would prejudice Australian security, and would be contrary to the national interest. Disclosure would show an inability to protect intelligence and could lead to a decrease in the quality of shared information provided to Australia by friendly intelligence services.

Sir Robert is expected to be called to give evidence today. Another witness for the British side will be a former MI5 officer whose identity has been ordered by the court to be kept secret.



Sir Robert Armstrong arriving at the Supreme Court.

US and China forge military accord

From Robert Grievs, Peking

The US and China, political adversaries for more than three decades and opponents in two Asian wars, are quietly developing a military relationship that could, if properly managed, check the expansion of Soviet military power in the Far East.

"The military relationship has been heating up," an American official said yesterday and described it as a "basic political success".

Mr Edward Rowley, President Reagan's chief arms negotiator, arrived in Peking

on Sunday to brief Chinese officials on the results of recent Sino-US arms talks in Reykjavik, Vienna and Geneva. It was his fourth visit to China and his second in two months.

General John Wickham, the US Army Chief of Staff, is also in Peking for a week-long round of visits.

Mr Rowley said he clarified the US position regarding missile reductions in the wake of Soviet complaints that the US was not living up to its nuclear weapons agreement.

He told the Chinese that reductions in American missile defences in Europe would be tied to reductions in American missiles in Asia.

The presence of American firms at two defence shows in Peking, the recent visit by two warships to the east coast port of Qingdao, and the October 30 Sino-US agreement allowing China to buy 55 US avionics kits for its S-7 jet fighter, valued at \$10 million (£7 million) each, has buttressed accords on military cooperation.

Manila protesters call on Enrile to go



Demonstrators protesting against last week's murder of Mr Rolando Olalia, the Philippines' most prominent labour leader, they called on Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the Defence Minister, to resign (Keith Dalton reports from Manila).

A general strike to protest against the murder of the May 1 Trade Union Federation leader was generally ignored, except for pockets of demonstrators demanding the dismissal of Mr Enrile.

Supporters of Mr Olalia have accused a military clique loyal to Mr Enrile of killing both the labour leader and his driver, Mr Leonor Alay-Ay, last Thursday.

Yesterday scattered rallies and human barricades in several Manila suburbs disrupted traffic.

Labour leaders, however, claimed that almost 300 factories closed down.

Observers believe the strike failed to attract popular support because, with three-quarters of all Filipinos living below the poverty line, one day off work is a sacrifice most cannot afford to make.

No arrests have been made in the Olalia killing and Mr Neptali Gonzales, the Justice Minister, told a press conference that there was nothing to link the murder with the kidnapping two days later of Mr Nobuyuki Wakaoji, a prominent Japanese businessman.

Recent elections have seen a growing number of known criminals becoming members of the legislative assembly. By the time one such person gained respectability as a legislator in 1980, he had 70 criminal acts credited to him.

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Gangster grip on coal and politics

From Michael Hamlyn Patna

While the unhappy farmers of Bihar's central districts are terrorized by rival armies of landlords and Maoists, the desperately poor labourers in the coal-rich industrial belt further south are victims of a different oppression.

The coalfields round Dhanbad, close to the West Bengal border, are ruled by a criminal mafia who feed off the sufferings of the miners, extort cash from the industry and cheat the public exchequer.

Many of the mafia dons are ostensibly leaders of the coalfield trade unions, but they built their power as "enforcers" for the old trade union leaders, or as muscle for the private colliery owners.

After the mines were nationalized in 1972, they moved into business for themselves, obtaining lucrative transport contracts, sometimes at gunpoint.

Now they thrive on forcible trade union subscriptions and on a money-lending business at extortionate rates of interest. They control gambling and liquor rackets, just like the original Mafia dons of the 1920s in the United States.

Every ton of coal that moves through the district must pay a levy, sometimes in cash and sometimes in kind, to the mafia chief of each district it passes through. Illegal mines are opened and "protected" by the hoodlums. "Licences" to lift coal illegally and to transport it are issued by the gangs.

The troubled state of Bihar Part 2

The people exploited by these gangs are mostly labourers from the lowest of all social groups, the formerly untouchable Harijans and the aboriginal tribespeople. Protests by them are ruthlessly put down by the dons, and even by the police.

Stung by allegations of rampant lawlessness in the district, the central Government called for a report and recommendations. The report, submitted six years ago, showed that the reason why the mafia flourished was because of its political sponsorship, by political parties of all colours.

The report's findings were explanation enough why no further action was taken: it became politically inexpedient to delve further.

On his election as Chief Minister, the present incumbent, Mr Bihadshwari Debey, promised a crackdown on the mafia. Mr Debey is a coalfield trade unionist who worked as a miner while he organized the labour force of the private colliers.

As a result, one mafia leader was removed as general secretary of the local Congress Party. Two other chiefs were arrested. Four prominent members of another gang were also jailed. Bridge toll con-

tracts of two leading dons were not renewed. But there, say his critics, the crackdown has ended.

Mr Debey is accused of acting in his own political interest against only those mafia leaders who support the opposition Janata Party.

"We don't deny that some of the mafia have entered into politics," the Chief Minister said. "They have not entered for their political faith or for the service of the people."

"I am totally against the mafia interfering with politics. And we shall try to break their money power which they are utilizing for their criminal activities."

Mr Debey's adherents claim he is clean, but his predecessor, Dr Jagannath Mishra, presided over a society which made corruption almost a state industry.

In Bihar, government servants are transferred for a fee. Police inquiries may be terminated for money. Public office or membership of government commissions are recognized as ways to enrichment, through payment for contracts.

Criminal action has become the hallmark of Bihar's hustings. In 1967 Bihar witnessed its first cases of "booth capturing", in which bands of thugs seized a polling station and kept out those they thought might cast inappropriate ballots.

Last year's election increased incidents to 333, with 66 shooting incidents and 53

bombs exploded. Thirteen people were killed.

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War on drugs in South Asia

From Our South Asian Correspondent Bangalore

Leaders of the seven South Asian nations, representing one-fifth of humanity, yesterday ended a two-day summit meeting by agreeing to find ways of fighting drug abuse and trafficking, which is a growing problem in the Indian subcontinent.

But the most humane decision of the seven leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saaarc) was to include a series of promises about the care and the rights of children in their closing declaration.

They endorsed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, setting the target of universal immunization within the next four years, universal primary education, maternal and child nutrition, safe drinking water and adequate shelter by the year 2000.

On drug trafficking, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, said in a closing press conference that the flow of drugs across the border from Pakistan into his country was one of the causes for abnormal relations between them. Nevertheless, Pakistan was given charge of establishing a technical committee to look into the problem and to be its first chairman.

Bilateral matters dominated the meeting, with intensive negotiations on the Sri Lankan ethnic crisis continuing until the last minute.

"We do not believe there should be an Eelam (Tamil homeland) in Sri Lanka," Mr Gandhi said. "With the package that President Jayewardene has given now, we believe that the Tamils can live in peace and security."

Relations with Pakistan did not appear to improve during the Saaarc meeting. They started badly, with reports of Indian troop movements on the border. They ended on another low note with Mr Gandhi virtually calling Mr Mohammed Khan Junejo, the Pakistani Prime Minister, a liar.

Mr Gandhi met Mr Junejo only briefly, after having kept the Pakistani delegation waiting as to whether he might avoid a tête-à-tête with him altogether. At his closing press conference Mr Gandhi said that he had raised with Mr Junejo the reports that Pakistan has exploded a high-explosive trigger device for a nuclear bomb.

"He has assured us - let me get his exact words," Mr Gandhi said turning for a document to an aide. "Prime Minister Junejo said that the report that they had tested a nuclear trigger is 'utterly incorrect'. To be honest, we are not 'utterly convinced'."

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THE ARTS

Image of offence

When Terry Dicks MP made his inflammatory remarks about the West Indian community...

TELEVISION

Setting out to improve the "negative" image of black citizens, this report advanced copious evidence of piety and self-improving zeal...

The opening sequence, in which young white offenders shambled in for a dose of God at the hands of a black gospel choir...

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The living academic tradition

GALLERIES

Douglas Stannus Gray Spink

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Suddenly, a modern look: Arthur Hayward's fanciful self-portrait as El Chorro

We hardly need the news, more or less constant these days, of record prices in the sale-rooms for Orpen, Munnings, Clausen and the like...

The answer, of course, is no, not all of them. But, once we have persuaded ourselves to look elsewhere than along the supposed high road to modernism...

R.I.O.P. or N.E.A.C. (The catalogue to one current exhibition, Silver Bells and Cockle Shells, very sensibly appends a short glossary.)

Whitford and Hughes are particularly strong on British Impressionists and Post-Impressionists, who, if they did

not begin as academically respectable in the 1890s and 1900s, very soon got there as the New English Art Club, originally a dissident organization...

The interest is reinforced and extended in two mixed shows at galleries we regularly associate with the period and the range of styles...

show, notably in the works of Mainie Jellett and Evie Hooc (better known for her stained glass), who were to Gleizes very much what Swanzy was to Delaunay...

At the Fine Art Society we might expect to find the Scottish equivalent in the work of the Glasgow Boys and such. In fact some of it is included in the Painting in Scotland 1800-1930 show...



Ruggiero Raimondi, in dominating form, conveying the wild, blinkered enthusiasm - and insecurity - of Don Quixote

OPERA

Don Quixotte Liceu, Barcelona

An unhidebound policy of buying in foreign productions, coupled with a willingness to indulge the more eccentric tastes of local stars, produces a rather extraordinary repertory at the Gran Teatre del Liceu.

Don Quixotte has of course a certain local relevance, though the proudly nationalist Catalans would probably deny they had any more connection with Cervantes than with Massenet...

He opens the evening with the ruminative prelude to the fifth act, which accompanies a mime of Don Quixote leaping through dusty folios and smiling wistfully at his armour.

THEATRE

The Girls in the Big Picture Drill Hall

The Charabanc Theatre Company of Belfast is to be congratulated on its long last emerging from its contemporary urban preoccupations with a play set in a small market town in the early 1960s.

Devised by the company and written by Marie Jones (whatever that precisely means), the piece conjures a rural limbo of low horizons and long courtships...

sustained by most of the "sculptures" by Giovanni Giannini. It seems a bit unnecessary that Don Quixote should have the front half of Pegasus to ride about on at the beginning and end of the main action...

All this gives a strong impression of the opera as coming out of the hero's head, but at the same time it is being presented very consciously as a theatrical performance for an audience of 1910.

Nothing at all gets in the way of the two central performances, which completely dominate the musical aspect of the production. Ruggiero Raimondi's voice, strong, fine-edged and gritty like carburettum, is an excellent instrument for conveying the wild, blinkered enthusiasm of Don Quixote...

Paul Griffiths

Covent Garden last night premiered Yuri Lyubimov's new production of one of the greatest Czech operas, Jenůfka, though Eva Randová (right, in rehearsal) represents the only really Czech thing about it: interview by John Higgins

The competitive spirit

With the early departure of Gabriela Benackova from the title-role the only truly Czech element remaining in Covent Garden's new production of Jenůfka, which opened last night, is the mezzo-soprano Eva Randová.

The role of the Kostelnicka, who kills the baby of her stepdaughter Jenůfka and then seeks forgiveness, was one Mme Randová sang at the very start of her career. She reckons that she must have been the youngest Kostelnicka ever to appear on stage...

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CONCERTS

RPO/Temirkanov Festival Hall

Voices make a contribution out of all proportion to their extent in the last two movements of Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony, where he had need of them to make explicit in words what otherwise he sought only in non-verbal expression at the outset.

Amey Shuard was the resident Kostelnicka at Covent Garden, Astrid Varnay once reigned at the Met and in Czechoslovakia itself there was Nadezhda Kniplová. Eva Randová now reckons that she is ready for the part, probably out of deference to Ashley Putnam, who has replaced Benacková, refuses to claim that it is more important than Jenůfka herself.

Covent Garden's production is being staged by Yuri Lyubimov, one of the fiercest and most controversial old director-lions. But his view of Jenůfka is likely to be a Russian rather than a Czech one.

orchestral outbursts had more than mild effect, and Sarah Walker's "Urlicht" solo interposed like a welcome benediction.

The finale brought unresolved problems of instrumental balance, particularly in relation to the offstage brass. They may have been in close touch with the conductor on closed-circuit cameras, but they were often barely audible in the hall.

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decided to cut the action off from Czech life and turn it into an international drama. There is certainly no smell of Moravia.

Perhaps behind these remarks is a sense of regret, because Eva Randová knows the smell of Moravia well, quite apart from the fact that it was the province in which Jansůek was born. It was in Ostrava, a town in northern Czechoslovakia close to the Polish frontier, that she sang her first operatic roles, including the Kostelnicka. And it was Ostrava, together with of course Brno, that started championing Jansůek before Prague.

"In my childhood music was dominated by Smetana, the national hero, and Dvořák, with Jansůek coming some way behind. But when I arrived in Ostrava, which after all has our third largest opera house even though it might not be too well known in Britain, I found a complete Jansůek cycle, just as there was in Brno. At that time in Prague there would probably only have been a couple of his operas in the repertory."

Eva Randová was born in Kotín, a small town to the east of Prague, and grew up in Usti nad Labem close to the East German border and Dresden



There was a theatre playing opera to hand and she started going there when she was eight. And she will return to Usti next month for an anniversary concert.

After a brief spell with the Frankfurt Opera Randová became associated with Stuttgart, where she has specialized in the German-East European repertory with excursions into Verdi. "I need to sing more Verdi. In the West they type-cast you: once you have sung Kostelnicka every house wants you as Kostelnicka and nothing else."

At the matinee, the leads were taken by two other dancers who have come to them only during the present tour. Iain Webb, like Cipolla, takes a very romantic view of Siegfried (both men make convincing the grief at a father's death from which they are won by Odette's love).

That he played Schubert's "Wanderer" Fantasy in such the same manner indicates that he is not a pianist who cares much for received wisdoms. This was savage, courageous music-making. More caution would perhaps have eliminated some of the octave "clingers" in the final section, but would also have caged a free spirit that should be encouraged to roam where it will.

Richard Morrison

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Strongly finished

DANCE

Swan Lake New Theatre, Cardiff

The Royal Ballet's two companies have both acquired American principal dancers this season. Cynthia Harvey's arrival at Covent Garden is joining Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. His reputation came before him because, as the first white leading man in the mainly black Dance Theatre of Harlem, he has already been admired by London audiences during two Coliseum seasons.

Cipolla's début with his new company was on Saturday night in Cardiff, dancing his first complete Swan Lake (one act only was in the Harlem repertory); a pretty big role and - to make things harder - on a fairly small stage. There was little room to let things rip during his solos, but all his dancing was strong, clean and nicely finished. More important, given the change to a company of different traditions and style, is that his acting, his appearance and his manner all fitted into Peter Wright's production as well as his partner, Sherilyn Kennedy, who has been dancing in it ever since the premiere five years ago.

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Webb's dancing is attractively light and easy, every movement composed with an eye to the balance of pose or gesture. Mayako Yoshida, dancing with him, was precipitated into the ballerina part because a colleague was unwell. She needs more time to develop expressiveness in it, but she already dances with strength and a pleasant sensitivity in the use of her hands during Act II to hint at the trembling of a swan's feathers.

John Percival

CONCERTS

Tedd Joselson Elizabeth Hall

It was disappointing that the American pianist Tedd Joselson drew a comparatively sparse audience for his Sunday afternoon recital. He is a robust, daring player - strong in mind and sinew - and certainly worth two hours of anyone's time.

He made his name in the big Romantic war-horses, working his way back to the Mozart repertory he now increasingly favours. This retrospective approach was evident in Mozart's Sonata in D, K311. No limp stream, this: Joselson quested continually, varying weight distribution from bar to bar, accelerating hungrily into the Scarlatti-style figuration, projecting even the Andante's gentle melody with a sharp-toned sense of drama.

To watch him is to sense an enormous physical, as well as mental, effort. It is not, I think, affection that his torso continues to shudder for some seconds after a movement's end, or that several times in Prokofiev's Sixth Sonata he rose completely off the stool, to slam the full body-weight on some shock chord.

Noël Goodwin

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SPECTRUM

The key to the door of No 10

On Britain's electoral register there are 6,428,200 18 to 24-year-olds, some 16 per cent of the total electorate. They form a constituency which could settle the next election. But how are they to be wooed? Labour plumps for an upbeat image, while a Tory minister has said: "What we need is some top-heavy coalminer's daughter."

Traditionally, the parties have left campaigning among the young to their respective youth wings. Each party has two youth branches, a student branch and a constituency association branch. In the Labour Party, for instance, the former is constituted by the National Organisation of Labour Students, and the latter by the Young Socialists.

Now that this section of the electorate has become so important, each party's youth wings are being faded into the background, as their centralised electoral machines crank up. The recently elected Conservative Youth Committee, for instance, contains no representatives from the National Young Conservatives (NYCs), and the controversial Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) has just been disbanded.

It is the left, rather than the right, which has been setting the pace. The Labour Party launched Red Wedge in June of last year, attempting to attract young voters through the use of pop performers like Billy Bragg and Paul Weller. Lynne Franks, formerly one of Labour's PR agents who promoted Red Wedge, says: "The Labour Party reached the Eighties and discovered pop as a way of reaching young voters of the future."

Others, however, are less enthusiastic about Labour's exploita-

The Sixties baby boom has produced an enormous new electorate for the Eighties. Toby Young and Roland Rudd assess how the major parties are gearing up to woo this powerful new constituency of more than six million voters

tion of youth culture to attract young voters. According to Steven Pope, deputy editor of *New Socialist*: "The Labour Party didn't have the faintest idea what was going on. It was youth that took the initiative - the party just cynically used it to give themselves a gloss."

"Whenever the political parties make any attempt to enter into dialogue with young people," observes Mark Jones, associate editor of *Campaign*, "it ends up sounding like a Radio One agony aunt phone-in programme."

new about political parties relying on pop performers to boost their image with the young. Harold Wilson nominated the Beatles for OBEs for precisely that reason. "Before that, Prime Ministers had never been interested in pop stars," comments columnist Brian Walden, who was a Labour MP at the time. "It was an important innovation then, very typical of the great party manager at his best."

presents a striking contrast to the Conservative's youth rally in 1983 when, in conjunction with PR man Bev Walker, the party wheeled on a number of show business personalities. Kenny Everett's comment - "let's bomb Russia" - was received with so much enthusiasm by Young Conservatives that the whole event became a major source of embarrassment to the Government.

More recently, Neil Kinnock introduced a new element into Labour's campaign by attacking the Conservative Party for being "anti-young". Certainly, the Tories have an enormous credibility problem among young voters, having failed to stem rising unemployment among school leavers, and cutting student grants.



to make do with avenue cred." Among 18 to 24-year old voters, the Alliance fails to pick up defectors from either of the other two parties. According to Barry Delaney: "Young people have traditionally attached themselves to radical causes. If they become disillusioned with the Conservative Party they tend to swing straight over to Labour, and vice versa. The Alliance is simply not well placed to pick up defectors from either party in this age group."

Like the other two parties, the Alliance regards its ability to appeal to young voters as the acid test of its communication skills. They are assembling a group of people under the auspices of Nik Alexander, the director of the Virgin Design Clinic, who will attempt to appeal to young people in a youth medium. And yesterday's appointment of advertising man David Abbott as the Alliance advertising director reflects the concern over its poor standing with the young.

Bob Geldof is claimed by the SDP as a supporter, though he has not confirmed this, and the biggest SDP celebrity so far is John Cleese, who appeared in a television commercial. Irrespective of how clever each of the party campaigns is, however, it ought to be borne in mind that, even after they've signified a preference, the political allegiance of this volatile constituency cannot be taken for granted.

"They are the joker in the pack," says Brian Goswami, head of political research at MORI. "Their turn-out can't be taken for granted, many of them have never voted before, but they could be crucial. They are notoriously difficult to pin down."

John Berrow's office at Conservative Party headquarters used to be a broom cupboard. It is still used to store bin-liners. Yet until last week this unlikely setting was the headquarters of the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS), and Berrow was its 23-year-old President.

"I'll stay on as an adviser to the Conservative College Forum, which is replacing the FCS. Quite honestly, I won't be sorry to see the back of this place."

"We won't be ignoring our members, now that the FCS has ceased to be. They'll all be affiliated to the Forum and I'll be sending them our newsletters. I'm sad that the party chairman has abolished us, but he had to do it. Our nest has been soiled by a few recalcitrant individuals."

The decision to disband the Federation was the latest step in the Conservatives' attempt to clean up their image among young voters.

CONSERVATIVE COLLEGE FORUM (CCF). Chairman: Peter Morrison, deputy-chairman of the Conservative Party. Membership: National committee of 20, hand-picked by Morrison, unlike FCS committee which was elected. But it is intended that the 14,000 former FCS members will be affiliated.

Finance: FCS used to get £30,000 a year from Tory Central Office. CCF's budget not known yet.

Political allegiance: Given that the FCS was abolished because its party allegiance could not be guaranteed, the CCF is bound to follow the party line.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES. Chairman: Richard Fuller. Membership: Official estimate is 30,000.

Finance: Central Office will not disclose how much is given to the YCs but senior YCs say that budget cuts between 1982-84 forced them to set up their own trust fund.

"We're very proud of the work we've done here," says Sally Morgan, the 24-year-old student coordinator of the Labour Party's youth campaign. "Unlike in the Conservatives, there is considerable cooperation between the different youth wings here. We're all firmly committed to getting Kinnock into No 10."

The headquarters of the National Organisation of Labour Students, where Sally works, is far larger than John Berrow's in the Conservative Party. As many as seven people at a time work there, something which could only be repeated in Berrow's office during a game of scrabble.

"Having the patronage of Billy Bragg, Paul Weller and Jerry Dammers," says Sally, "has been an enormous boost to our campaign. Red Wedge (the pop stars' collective which has spearheaded Labour's campaign) has enabled us to reach lots of young people who wouldn't otherwise be interested in politics."

Labour has made a remarkable turn-around in gaining the support of the majority of the 18- to 24-year-old constituency. In 1983 they polled a derisory 33 per cent; now, according to the recent

Times/MORI survey, they enjoy the support of 49 per cent. Though Red Wedge is hailed as a success by all concerned, Labour's standing among the young was rising from the 1983 low before Red Wedge was formed and has added only 2 per cent since.

However, it has been the apparent success of Red Wedge which has moved the other two parties to action. "Central Office is casting about like crazy for some top-heavy coal-miner's daughter to take on Billy Bragg," Tory John Biffen said recently.

Labour has the advantage of a particularly cooperative youth group in the form of NOIS, which is very sympathetic towards Neil Kinnock. And they have some influence over the 1,250,000 students affiliated to the National Union of Students.

But before Labour draws too much comfort, a cautionary note ought to be struck. In the last four weeks of the 1983 election campaign, the combined efforts of the Conservative and Alliance's electoral machines managed to reduce Labour's standing among 18 to 24-year-olds from 45 per cent to 33. So the fickleness of the age group must worry Labour.

NATIONAL ORGANISATION OF LABOUR STUDENTS. Chairman: Ben Lucas. Membership: Claims 10,000. NOIS has effective control of the National Union of Students' membership of 1,250,000.

Finance: Party gives it £13,000 a year. Campaigns: NOIS organizes question-and-answer sessions with MPs and teenagers called Labour Listens to Youth. Helped form Red Wedge.

Political allegiance: Claims to be left of the party but firmly backs Kinnock.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS. Chairman: John Elen. Membership: No official figures, estimates between 8,000 and 15,000.

Finance: Party funding down dramatically since 1981 as Labour's national executive moved Right. YS now gets £13,000 a year. Campaigns: Avoids single-issue campaigns, stresses the inter-connection of different political problems.

"I'm not a yuppie," protests Simon Lewis, 27-year-old communications director for the SDP. "That's a pejorative term, isn't it?"

"Without a doubt the SDP hasn't been putting its message across as effectively as it could have been," he says. Lewis cut his political teeth working for Senator Bill Bradley in Washington, and he has a solid background in PR.

"What we need is a few snappy captions which encapsulate our policies."

"Our latest bid for young voters, the Sound and Vision campaign, was produced on video, using state-of-the-art techniques, and it was targeted at an identifiable section of the electorate."

It is unlikely, however, that even Lewis's media savvy can turn round the fortunes of the Alliance, which is trailing third among the young.

YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATS and SDP STUDENTS. Chair: Dave Hodgson (YSD) and Andrew Hartley (SDPS). Membership: No precise figures. Finance: £2,500 a year each from the party.

Campaigns: "Youthblitz" (1985) and "Sound and Vision" this year.

Political allegiance: Conflict not so much with the parties as between the groups combined and SDP HQ "mandarins".

YOUNG LIBERALS and UNION OF LIBERAL STUDENTS. Chair: Felix Dodds (YL), Sheila Cunliffe (ULS).

Membership: YL about 2,000, ULS about 2500. Finance: YLs £1,900 a year from the party, ULS £3,000. Campaigns: YLs back single-issue campaigns. Political allegiance: YLs recently warned by Alan Beith, deputy party leader, not to emulate the hard left. But YLs spurn leadership to pursue radical policies.

TOMORROW The town and gown battle for the young

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Gunning for the godfathers. Three New York crime bosses are waiting to hear the verdict in the first trial to accept the Mafia's existence. Family men: Persico (left), Salerno and Corallo. mobsters who had been arrested on drugs and other charges were prepared to become police spies. There were several reasons for this. One was that they feared a Mafia reprisal. But perhaps most importantly, many of the traditional bonds of their Sicilian heritage have broken down. The new generation of recruit is more thoroughly Americanized; family loyalty is not so strong, and they have less respect for their elders. As the status of American Italians continues to rise - the New York State governor is now from that background - so, too, does the number of people of Italian extraction who regard the existence of the Mafia as a slur on their image. Paul Vallety

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New flirty skirts like puffballs and tutus recall some dazzling designs by an irreverent Italian genius

The Shocking Schiaparelli

The new puffball skirts are reviving the spirit of Schiaparelli. Frivolous, flirty and fun is the story of this season's party dresses. It is a message that the irrepressible "Schiap", darling of the 1930s, would have understood. Elsa Schiaparelli launched her Shocking perfume on the fashion world 50 years ago. Its bottle, shaped like a curvy torso, its erotic packaging and sensual scent summed up the provocative style of the designer who took over Paris in the 1930s.

Schiaparelli's ideas were sent out like shock waves. She made a black and white sweater with *trompe-l'oeil* skeletal bones picked out on the front. Her circus collection of ebullient embroideries was shown on a troupe of acrobatic models who swung on ladders outside the windows of her salon in the Place Vendôme. Into a fashion world weaned on beige or black, she threw splashes of brilliant colour and especially the hot rose that has been called "shocking pink" ever after.

Elsa Schiaparelli was an artist, Italian-born, and a friend of artists who became conspirators to her fashion tricks. Jean Cocteau's iconic profile drawing gave a whimsical edge to the bolero jacket Schiap invented as fashion.

Salvador Dalí painted a blushing red lobster crawling across a white satin skirt; together they dreamt up the surreal in dress, from edible buttons to a madcap mutton chop hat. Schiap's irreverent and original ideas crackled through the 1930s, challenging not just the bourgeoisie but also the new sportswear styles launched by Jean Patou and Chanel, who dismissed Schiaparelli in a famous put-down as "that Italian artist who makes clothes".

Schiap made sportswear, too, but it was a series of sweaters hand-knitted by a team of Armenian peasant girls and decorated with a *trompe-l'oeil* bow at the neck. Being a great self-publicist, Schiap wore the sweater to a fashionable lunch and launched it on *tout Paris*.

Two new books published this week show Schiaparelli's flair with fashion. Palmer White's *Elsa Schiaparelli* lays the clothes lovingly on its pages, giving us marvellous detail of the trapeze artist buttons, the extraordinary jewelled pins and combs by her designer friend Jean Schlumberger, and sensual serpents by the embroidery house of Lesage. A gold tweed hood and sequinned Medusa head on a shocking pink wool cape expresses the exuberance of Schiaparelli that was snuffed out instantly by war.

The insouciant style of Schiaparelli's day clothes can be seen in a 1928 photograph of a shingled bathing belle in side-buttoned shorts, strappy sweater and matching ankle socks, sharing a daring cigarette and an intimate moment with a male escort. The androgynous couple were photographed by George Hoyningen-Huene. His lyrical black and white fashion



Above centre: Black velvet bustier with tutu skirt, hat and gloves all by Emanuel, 28a Brook Street, W1. Jewels: Eric Beamon. Above: Tiersed silk cinched dress by Jacques Azagury to order from Luciano Phillips, 88 Knightsbridge, SW1. Swan bandeau, crystal necklace from Eric Beamon. Shoes: Maud Frizon

photographs are the subject of another new book which expresses the fashion feeling of a more elegant age.

Elsa Schiaparelli's spirit was extraordinarily modern. Palmer White's lucid biography portrays the Italian Elsa as an early, but never an angry, feminist, who worked to support her baby daughter after her husband abandoned her. Her clothes were a prescient mix of the workaday by day and the sexually aware at night, and were designed for women in control of their own lives.

Today, high fashion has just come up with its own shocker. Into a wardrobe of sensible separates and smart suits, designers have thrown the puffball skirt, the tutu and tiers of frilled net.

The new evening silhouette is ridiculous, frivolous and great fun. It would appeal to the incomparable Elsa, not least because it is being worn by the young, luscious and leggy, and pronounced as "shocking" by everybody else.

The short skirt is the clear fashion message of the new season's party wear. The puffball is the most extreme version of the New Look, which can be a much

longer full skirt à la Dior. The bubbles of fabric are most wearable in soft satin teamed with a neat jacket. The puffball also comes as a satin skirt set on a velvet bustier with the folds gathered in at the knee, and is already on the rails in the stores.

The most glamorous of the designer evening dresses are the tutus, made with flaring fills of fabric from hip to thigh, and beloved of designers Rifiat Ozbek, Thierry Mugler and the Emanuels, who open a new shop selling clothes and theatrical accessories in Beauchamp Place next month.

Vivienne Westwood, who has a hot-line to coming style, first launched her mini-cinolines two seasons ago and has seen them take off as a street look. Like the puffballs and net skirts, they can be made at home or assembled from inexpensive ingredients, as well as bought at designer prices. Accessories are supposed to be witty, fun and over-the-top.

Sociologists might see a neat parallel between the "shocking" styles designed by Schiaparelli in the thirties and the explosion of lighthearted evening wear in our own hard times. Schiap would surely have laughed such sober thoughts away.

Elsa Schiaparelli by Palmer White (with 80 colour, 80 black and white illustrations) is published by Aurum Press, £19.95.

The Photographic Art of Hoyningen-Huene by William A. Ewing (225 illustrations) is published by Thames and Hudson, £30.

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Above: Velvet bustier £108 from Edina Ronay, 141 Kings Road, SW5 and Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge. Net petticoats by Laura Ashley, £29.95 main branches. Crystal jewels and mastic Eric Beamon. Tights: Bruce Oldfield for Chamois. Shoes: Manolo Blahnik. Above right: Ivory satin puffball £98 from David Fielden, 137 Kings Road, SW5. Fitted black jacket by Will Smith, £45 from Squash, 29 St Christopher's Place, W1. Hat and brooch by Eric Beamon. All Eric Beamon jewellery from Liberty, Regent Street, W1



Make-up by Ariane. Hair by Caron Benfield. Photographs by John Swannell

PEOPLE

Dressed for best

Who won the title of fashion victim of the week? In a hyper-energetic season there were all too many chances for the favourite English pastime of dressing up. Koo Stark did it discreetly in silver sequins on ink blue crops at the Hoyningen-Huene book lunch party on Monday, when guests were invited to dress Paris 1930. Lady Russell was as elegant in her blue tartan and velvet dress as she was in the framed photograph on the wall at Hamiltons Gallery. Baroness Hoyningen-Huene was aesthetic in green sequins on 1930s pyjamas. Lady Rothermere appeared in a cascade of Moulin Rouge frills. Anna Piaggi was uncharacteristically low key in her Karl Lagerfeld zodiac embroidery and one of her smaller hats. That had changed by Wednesday, when she and Karl finally showed at their own party, exhausted from signing The Book. Karl (in his signature fan-shaped be-pins and scarf) and Anna (in her black tulle shepherdess skirt with Marie Antoinette piny, ermine jacket and Mainbocher sequins) greeted guests who included shoe king Manolo Blahnik and 1930s designer Bara Haleski of Biba. A small gathering of the faithful staggered on to dinner at San Lorenzo.

Golden age

Jean Muir broke the habit of a fashion headline by joining forces with Greek jeweller Ilias Laloumis for a show at the Ritz on Thursday. The purist Miss Muir allowed her dresses to be used as a backdrop to Laloumis gold jewellery sculpted from symbols of ancient cultures. Applauding at the Happy Hour gathering were everyone's favourite fashion diplomat Lady Henderson, in Muir moiré jacket with pie crust trim, and the flame-haired actress Marri Caine.

Bow wows

Has outrageous Zandra Rhodes got designs on the Duchess of York? I hear that Zandra, who created Sarah's fluffy pink dress for the pre-nuptials ball, has now produced a range of hair ornaments best described as Fergie's Delight. The hair bows that the Duchess of York has made her fashion trademark will be unveiled on Valentine's Day next year. But Zandra says that we can catch a glimpse of them on the uniforms she has designed for the Royal Lancaster's Pavement Café to be launched on Wednesday. Next year Zandra will also produce customized luggage and wallpapers for Osborne and Little.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Hush-hush holiday

Worried by a 15 per cent fall in tourism over the first eight months of this year, the South African Tourism Board has embarked on a sneaky campaign to woo back holidaymakers...

The Business Study Group, a society of 500 Christian businessmen, is doing battle with Mammon next February by holding a meeting entitled "Acting Justly, Loving Mercy and Humbly Walking with God in a tough Business Environment".

Museum piece

James Joyce's grandson has cut Dublin's Joyce Tower Museum out of his will. From his Paris home, Stephen Joyce tells me that while he welcomes the museum's existence and its siting...

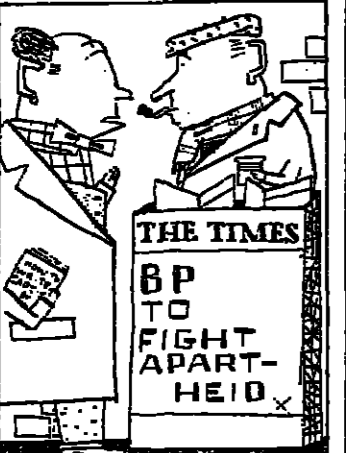
Liberal portion

David Steel has received in the mail a most unsavoury gift from an aggrieved member of the public: a school dinner. Carefully wrapped in cellophane, it comprises a cheese and ham, three-by-two-inch piece of quiche and a miserly square of sponge cake.

Livewire

No sooner has student politics been saved from the FCS than news reached me that the National Union of Students' Blackpool conference next month will have a daik as a delegate. Metallurgy postgraduate Adam Gilchrist, campaigning as the alien from Dr Who, got the highest vote ever recorded in NUS delegation elections at Birmingham University last week.

BARRY FANTONI



'Apparently you buy a gallon and get free school vouchers.'

Cook's tour

John Wells, the humourist who rode to fame in the satirical Sixties and now, in the easily-pleased Eighties, is best known for his Denis Thatcher impersonations, entered the depths of middle-age on Sunday. To celebrate his 50th birthday he held a lavish, three-stage (lunch, tea and supper) party at his spacious London home...

Iran: will the right man quit?

by Charles Krauthammer

Washington A few weeks after Lord Carrington resigned as Foreign Secretary over the Argentine takeover of the Falklands, an aide of President Reagan passed around a piece of paper at a senior staff meeting. Alluding to the fact that Alexander Haig had once called Carrington a "duplicitous bastard", the note read: "Duplicitous Bastard Resigns on Principle: A Model."

trust in Iran. (The mullahs have a way of driving Americans to understatement. President Carter called the Desert One fiasco an "incomplete success".) If someone does resign, it shouldn't be the man who pushed the right policy, but the man who pushed the wrong one.

to strengthen Soviet (or Sandinista or Angolan, fill in the blanks) doves. Heard that one? Whenever conservatives hear it, their instinctive, and correct, response is ridicule.

The Gulf states and Arab moderates. He risked his own principle, enunciated during his first week in office, that criminals, even if state-sponsored, will not dictate American foreign policy.

Philip Jacobson assesses the complex aftermath of the Hasenfus affair

No sooner had the American mercenary Eugene Hasenfus begun serving the 30-year sentence imposed on him last weekend for running guns to the Contra guerrillas in Nicaragua than rumours of a deal to send him home to Wisconsin were doing the rounds in Managua, the Nicaraguan capital.



Captured when his gun-running plane was shot down, Eugene Hasenfus is now an international pawn.

The ruling Sandinistas are said to be contemplating handing him over to the American ambassador in an act of clemency designed to improve their humanitarian image abroad. Other reports claim that the 45-year-old former Marine, who freely confessed to taking part in clandestine supply flights over Nicaraguan territory, would be swapped for prisoners now in the hands of the Contras.

Sandinistas show a hint of cockiness

sense of confidence, even cockiness, as they square up to the Reagan administration. This manifests itself in various ways, but nowhere more significantly than on the military front. Take the curious behaviour of Captain Ricardo Wheelock, who as chief of army intelligence is normally the last person to give away strategic information.

have been helping them batter the Contras in the wild northern mountains. "They had more and better stuff on show than any of us have been reporting home," observed one Western diplomat.

Over the past 18 months, as the Reagan administration has built up its secret support for the Contras and imposed increasingly effective trade sanctions, the Sandinistas have been steadily constructing the most formidable military machine in the region.

The implications of this for opponents of the Sandinistas within Nicaragua are not encouraging. Reports published by two independent human rights organizations earlier this year, setting out detailed accounts of official repression, made sad reading for those who much admired the present government for preventing any great wave of revenge-taking after the overthrow of the Somoza regime.

For all that, ordinary people still jump at the chance to criticize their rulers before visiting foreigners, complaining loudly in bars and restaurants, offices and taxis about the cost of living and about shelves forever empty in the supermarkets. They resent equally the choking bureaucracy, the endless obligatory rallies for the cause, the privileges enjoyed by the Sandinista elite.

Techno-banditry or genuine business?

Roger Boyes on high-tech trade bans

Until recently Peter Kempa was a jaunty, respected figure in the Warsaw business community, chattering trade counsels, importing and adapting personal computers for Polish use and, in his own way, trying to narrow the yawning technology gap between East and West.

Western Technology, catalogues equipment useful to Moscow's defence planners. It ranges from advanced integrated circuits to integrated optics, from data display equipment to supermini computers, from digital switching systems to plant control software.

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Western concerns may be trading quite legitimately for years with the East and when their business contacts ask for something a little more complex, there is no great resistance: it is not a question of patriotism or treason, but of businessmen impatient with bureaucratic obstacles.

Roger Scruton The infantilizing of examinations

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The GCSE, with its emphasis on assessment and "continuous personal skills" is designed to minimize the distinction between academically gifted children and the others. Its purpose is not to discriminate but to "differentiate", not to assess but to destroy the possibility of assessment.

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Adoption of this deliberately infantilized system of examinations will make the work of good teachers twice as hard and the task confronting gifted pupils next to impossible. The A-level examinations will become increasingly remote from the competence and interests of those who begin to study them and the problem of preparing students for university entrance will be fraught with enormous difficulties.

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moreover... Miles Kington Drama in the empty fountain

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INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS

Morality is indivisible, though culpability may have degrees. Insider dealing, which in its nature is theft from the innocent and unsuspecting, is immoral as well as illegal. It is also certain, particularly when party political stakes are high, to provoke heated debate in which, alongside genuine moral outrage, envy, hypocrisy and specious self-righteousness play their part.

It did not escape the Government's attention that creating a shareholding democracy through privatization would bring millions of City outsiders to the Stock Exchange for the first time. It is important for both that their second impression of the capitalist system is not of a den of thieves.

For the near future, self-regulation will continue. Rightly. In the first place, because the detailed system of investor protection set out in the Financial Services Act has yet to be properly tried, and cannot be properly tested for at least another year.

OUTFLANKING APARTHEID

It has long been argued by proponents of disinvestment that companies with a large presence in the South African economy are "propping up apartheid". If they were to withdraw, the argument runs, the threat of economic collapse would compel the white government to negotiate a new constitution with representatives of other communities.

compliance with the Sullivan principles, the advantages were often confined to their own workforces. Outsiders were then able to argue that Sullivan policies represented a few crumbs from a rich man's table piled high with profits of 18 per cent. They offered no general alternative to apartheid.

South Africa offers the chance of achieving much more by the same method. It is, after all, a society in which many institutions - notably, the judiciary and the press - already enjoy substantial independence. There is, moreover, no local equivalent of the Soviet Union, namely an external force which prevents the society continuing to evolve in a more liberal direction.

AN AWFUL LOT OF VOTING

The result of the weekend's elections has been a triumph for Brazil's ruling coalition and, in particular, its senior partner - the Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB). But the country as a whole can take pride in it.

so. The Cruzado Plan, introduced last February to tackle Brazil's economic problems, has dramatically cut the annual inflation rate from more than 200 per cent at the turn of the year. A price freeze has led to a consumer boom - and now to an electoral landslide.

public utilities like heating, lighting and telephones. An end is predicted for wheat subsidies, now costing the country the equivalent of £1 billion a year. But such measures, however necessary to adjust the economic plan, will risk widening the divisions in Brazil's far from egalitarian society.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lull urged in hull design debate

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton
Sir, Yesterday's announcement by Lord Trefgarne in the House of Lords that Lloyd's Register of Shipping have been appointed to conduct the official inquiry into hull forms for frigates and destroyers is most welcome.

Disabled tenants' right to buy

From the Director of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation
Sir, Mr Anthony Smith (November 11) has drawn attention to the discriminatory aspects of "right to buy" legislation relating to housing for people with disabilities.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 18 1984

After the gallantry of the Light Brigade's charge at Balaklava (On This Day, November 14, 1855) came the reckoning. One source gives casualties as about 40 per cent of those engaged on the British side, another states that out of 607 horsemen who set out on 188 return, the Russian charge echoes that attributed to the French General Boquet: "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre"

THE SIEGE OF SEBASTOPOL

From Our Special Correspondent
Camp Before Sebastopol, Oct. 28. After a despatch of my letter to-day, I learnt that Captain Fellows, aide-de-camp, had been sent in with a flag of truce to the Russian camp on the Tchernaya, to ascertain the particulars of our loss and to communicate with our wounded and captive officers, if the Russians would allow him to do so.

Suez and Falklands

From Mr P. J. Freeman
Sir, Sir John Nott (Feature, November 6) has allowed his vendetta against the Royal Navy to cloud his analysis of defence planning in the light of Suez and the Falklands.

Future of N Ireland

From Mr Jeremy Burchill
Sir, The political paralysis in Ulster referred to in your editorial (November 10) is the direct result of the Hillsborough Agreement, which was the product of adroit exploitation of terrorism by the Irish Government.

Racing handicaps

From Mr P. S. Knight
Sir, The matters raised by Mr Hislop in his letter (November 11) concerning the defeat of Dancing Brave in the Breeders' Cup are unworthy. Had these matters been raised by others in the letters and articles to which he refers, what has been an absorbing and exhilarating flat racing season would have ended on a sour note.

Front-line stability

From the Reverend Brian J. Brown
Sir, The Secretary-General of the International Society for Human Rights declares the restoration of human rights in Mozambique to be fundamental to the attainment of stability in the region (November 4).

Reform of Lords

From Mr Nicholas Paget-Brown
Sir, As your recent series of articles indicates (November 10-12), the House of Lords has undoubtedly proved a more effective critic of the Government in the years since 1979 than the Labour Party which continues to favour the abolition of the second Chamber.

Nuclear deterrence

From Mr Paul Rogers
Sir, H. A. Seargeant (November 12) argues in relation to nuclear deterrence that the greater the "uncertainty" in the forecasts made by both sides, the greater the deterrence. It is the degree of "uncertainty", not the degree of "fear" that is critical.

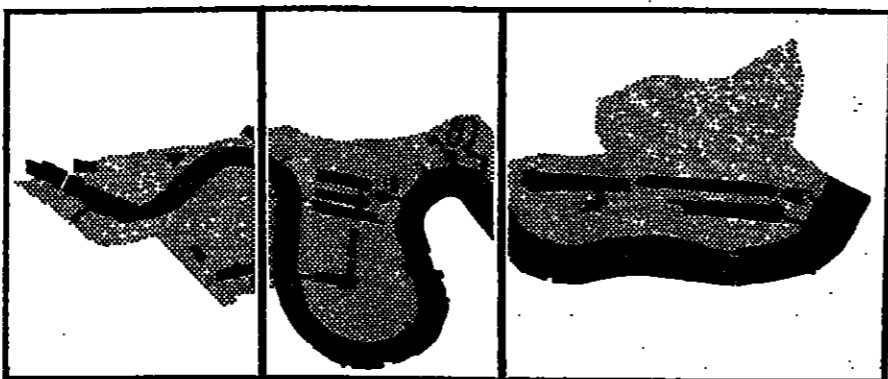
Sport 'domination'

From Mr F. D. Goode
Sir, I may have had rather more experience of Latin - and other - domination in sport than your correspondent, J. Fitzpatrick (November 4).

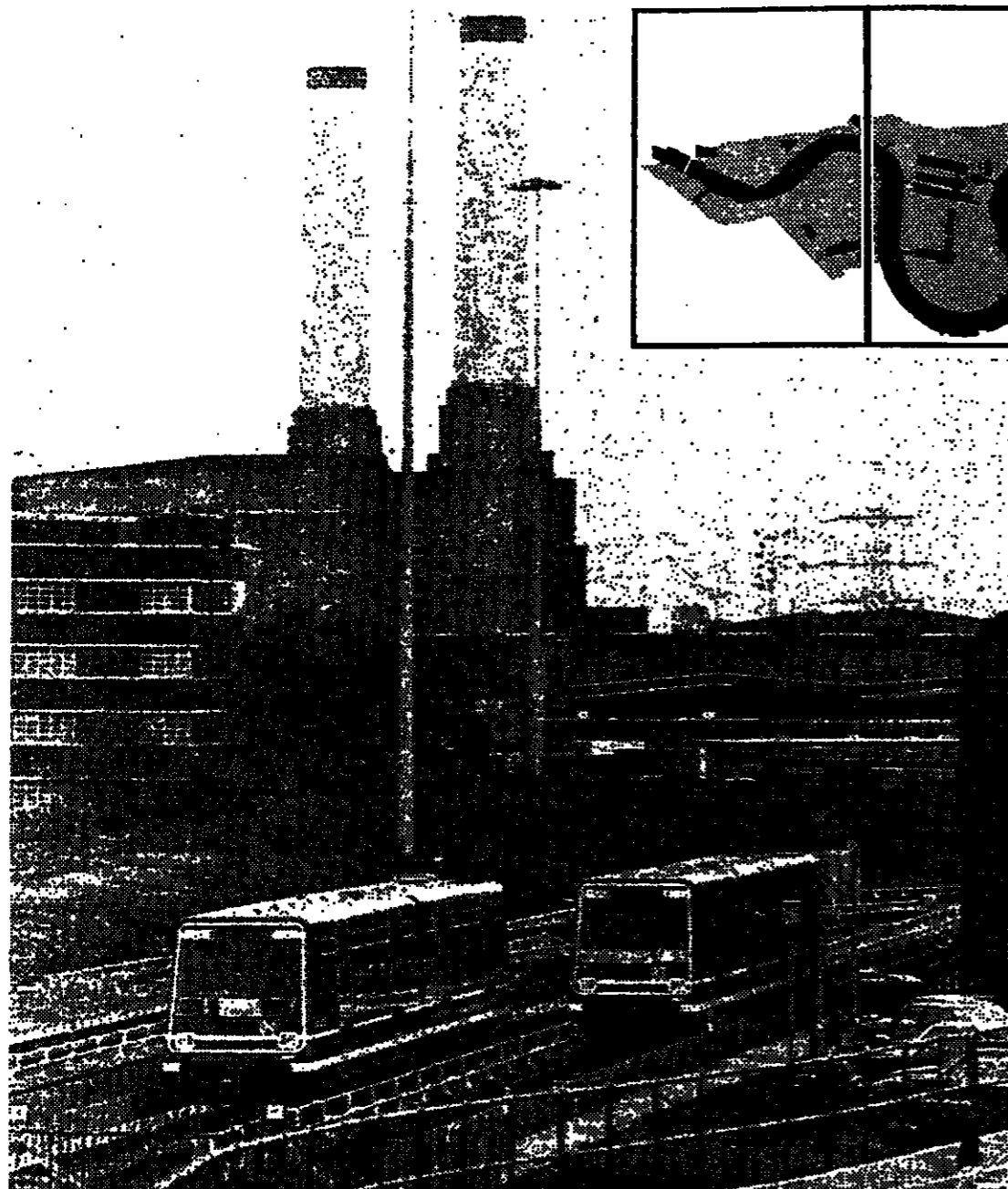
Outlook uncertain

From Mr J. M. G. Halsted
Sir, Yes, I believe Miss Hill (November 11) is right; but I go further. The editors of the French phrase books have considerably endeavoured to save us from embarrassment. The French, you see, are a cultivated people and talk about higher things.

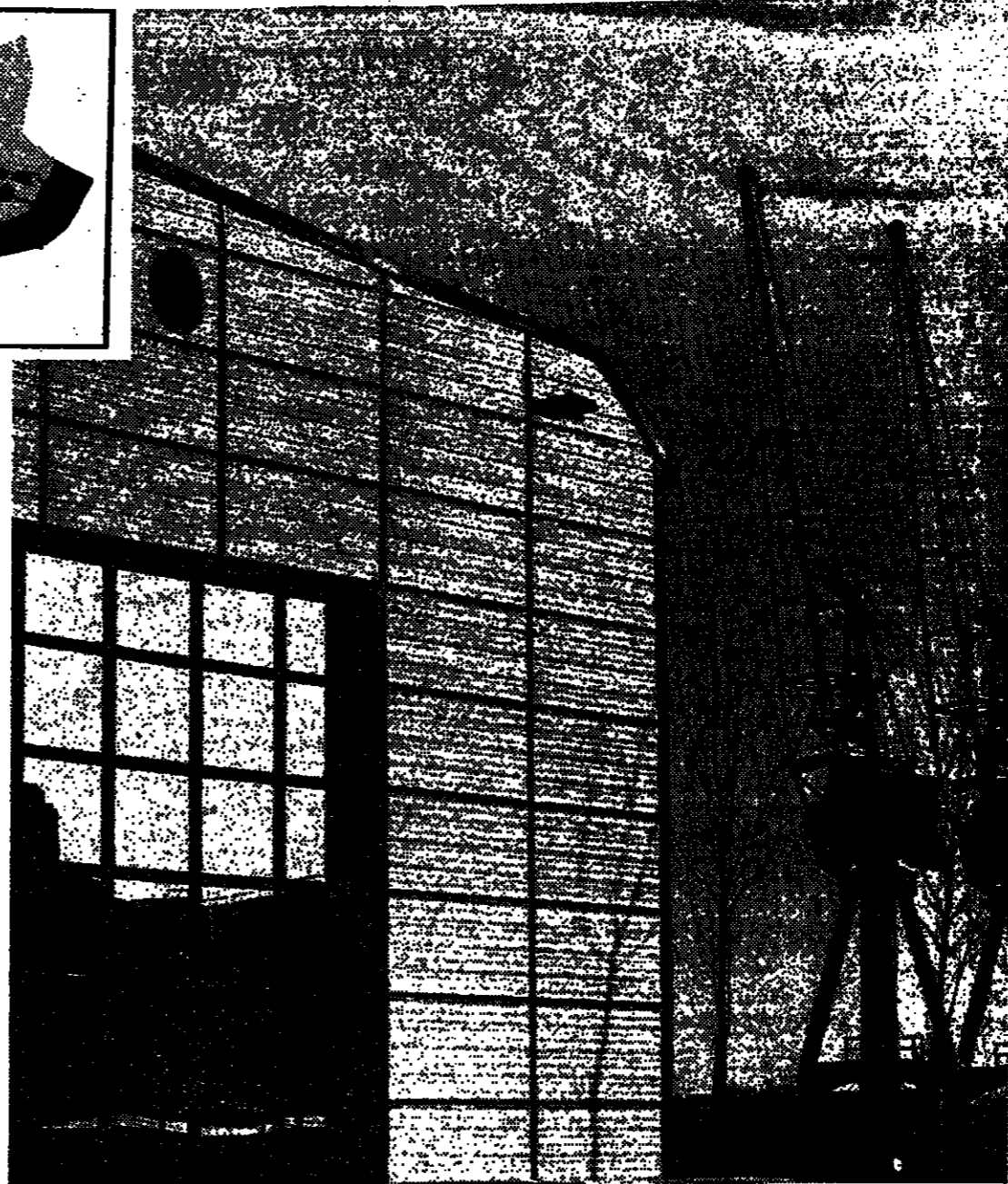
On the move in the boom docks



Left: On the right lines... commissioning trials for two of the Docklands Light Railway trains, and right, cranes from the old docks present a stark contrast to a gleaming new development on the Isle of Dogs



A remarkable transformation is under way in one of the most rundown areas of the country. The Docklands project, the largest of its kind ever contemplated, is regenerating prosperity in a once-derelict part of London



Five years after its inception, the London Docklands Development Corporation has founded many of its critics by achieving against all the odds what even its most intractable opponents would grudgingly agree is a remarkable transformation of one of the most rundown areas in the country. The Docklands project, the

largest of its kind ever contemplated, is up and running in a big way. Even the extremists on the local Labour-controlled borough councils are meeting LDDC officials, talking about developments and contributing to what is now an unstoppable force. The Greater London Council refused to acknowledge the LDDC's existence — but the

former is now relegated to the archives, while the latter, according to its dedicated officers, is a runaway success. Christopher Benson, the chairman says: "The Docklands dream is coming true." And success has allowed the use of more and more superlatives. The latest publicity blurb describes the docklands as "the exceptional place". Reg Ward, the LDDC chief

executive since the beginning of the corporation and indefatigable campaigner for Docklands development, talks no longer of urban regeneration but of the "emerging city". The project has gone beyond simple factory building to creation of a city within a city, he says. A combination of the mechanism of the LDDC and the synergy of the individuals

who run it, he says, has brought about a much quicker acceptance from the private sector that the Docklands revival was going to work. The rapidity of achieving a financial return has convinced hard-nosed City and property investors that putting money into the docks is not the high-risk venture it was once believed to be.

Mr Benson says: "The number of firms and financiers who have switched from saying 'maybe' to a solid 'we're interested' has been quite extraordinary these last 12 months". It is all part of the growing momentum and the desire to be part of the success of docklands.

Mr Ward identifies six factors in the LDDC's success: the changed views about Docklands, the advent of the Docklands Light Railway and its extension to Bank station in the City, the creation of the Isle of Dogs Enterprise Zone, the agreement to locate the London City Airport in the Royal Docks, the siting in the docks of the London Earth Satellite Telemetry and the massive proposed development of a new financial district at Canary Wharf.

He is confident that half of the £120m needed for the Royal Docks extension could be gleaned from private investors. He quickly becomes impatient with civil servants and their lack of appreciation, he believes, of the way the LDDC operates. "We are managing uncertainty, but in the public sector so much time is wasted creating certainty. That is not what happens in the real world."

"We have no land use plan or grand design; our plans are essential marketing images. The feeling of cohesion in docklands comes in retrospect." He complains at being "the most audited organization in the country" and must annoy Whitehall officials with his declaration not to be too concerned with efficiency but with effectiveness. In terms of simply creating jobs the LDDC has been an expensive tool, but Ward and his teams prefer to talk about the

The uncertain future is now underlining the debate about how long the LDDC should remain in existence. It was envisaged that its task would take 20 to 25 years, but Ward now hopes that the job will be largely completed in half that time.

OUR LINE OF BUSINESS IS IMPROVING YOURS



But the speed of the acceptance by outsiders that docklands revival was working has also brought problems to the LDDC. In particular, Ward now faces a considerable battle in persuading the government to commit more public funds more quickly into building the vital infrastructure that is still needed in many parts of the docks.

The pump priming expenditure of the corporation should reach its peak much earlier than expected, he believes, and then tail off rapidly. "If we can maintain the level of government spending it means that the leverage on private sector investment is greater, the timescale for development is shorter, and the residual cost on the public sector is lower."

The demands he is making on Whitehall are now entirely due to the "sheer acceleration" of the programme. "It would be absurd to let the momentum drop,

opportunities for both capital and labour created by the rebirth of the docks. To date, the corporation have spent about £380m of which about £280m have been direct pump priming. This has attracted about £1.5bn of private sector capital, a figure that with the Canary Wharf and Royal Docks developments could reach £6bn but there is uncertainty at the LDDC because of the impending general election and the policy

Edward Townsend
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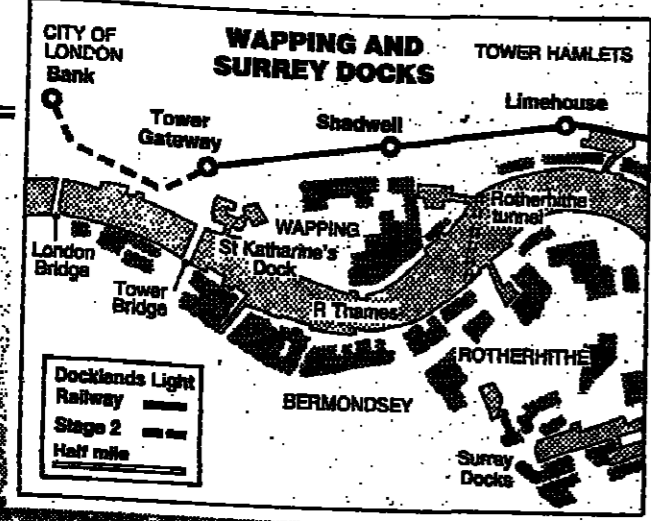
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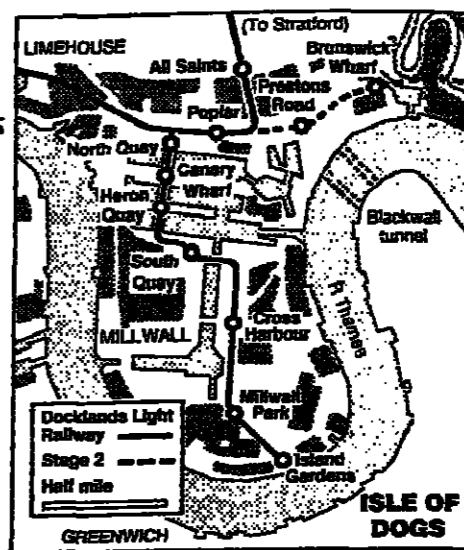
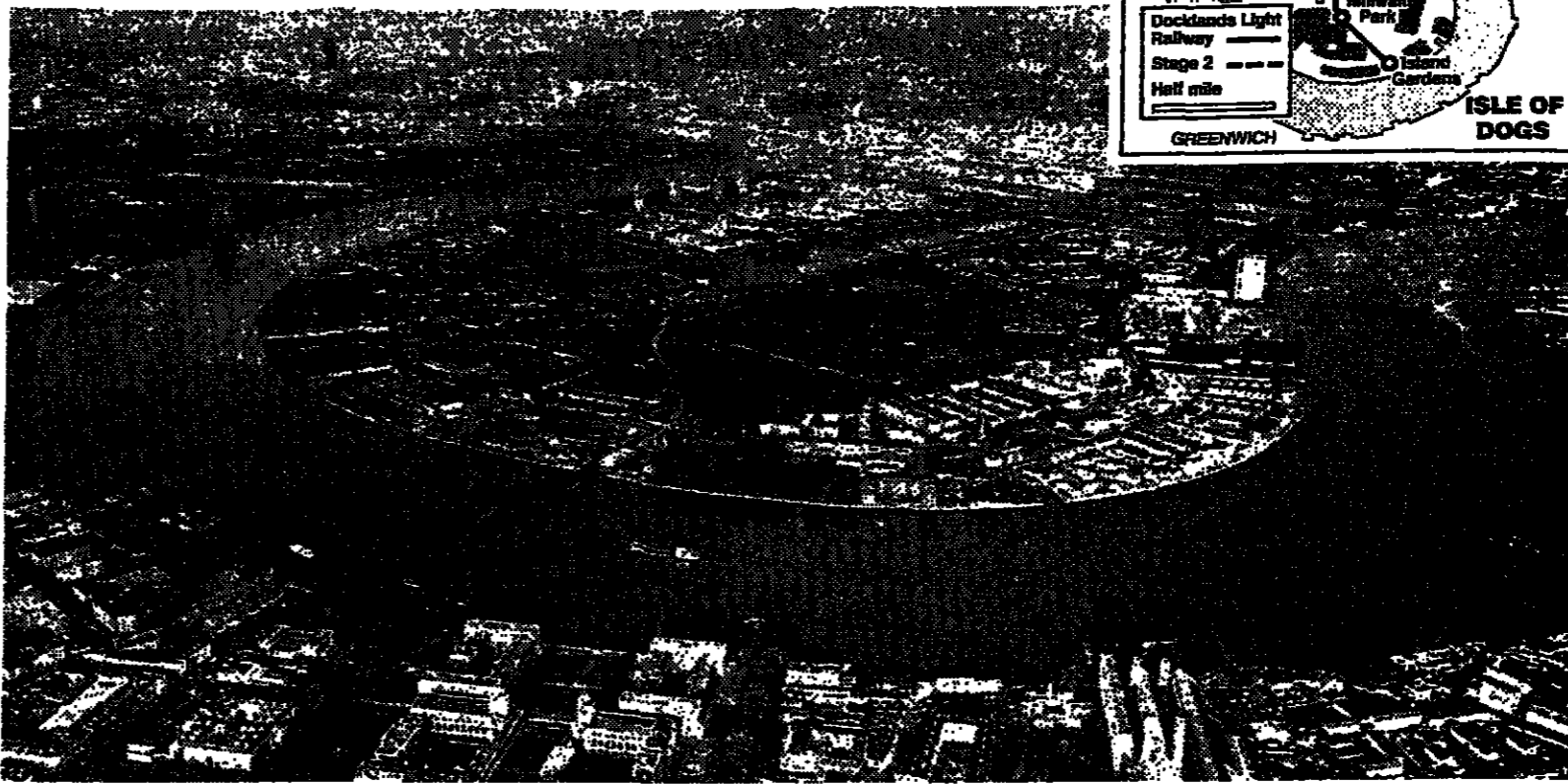
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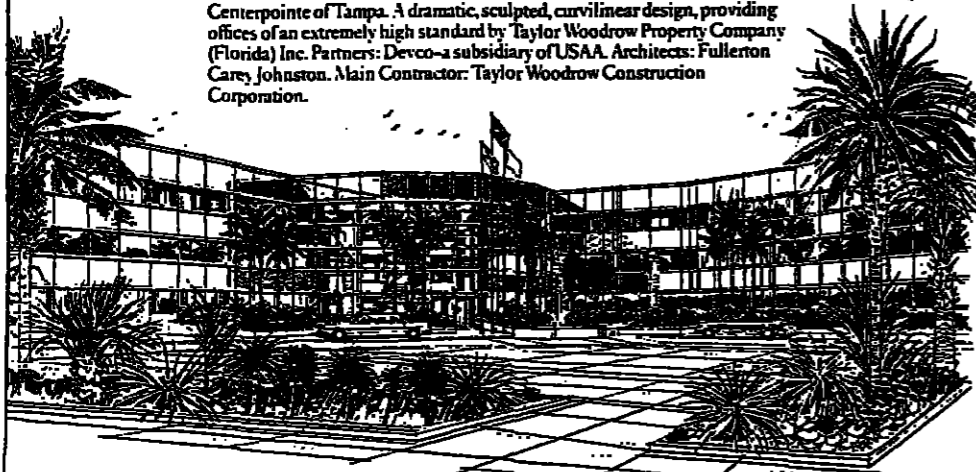


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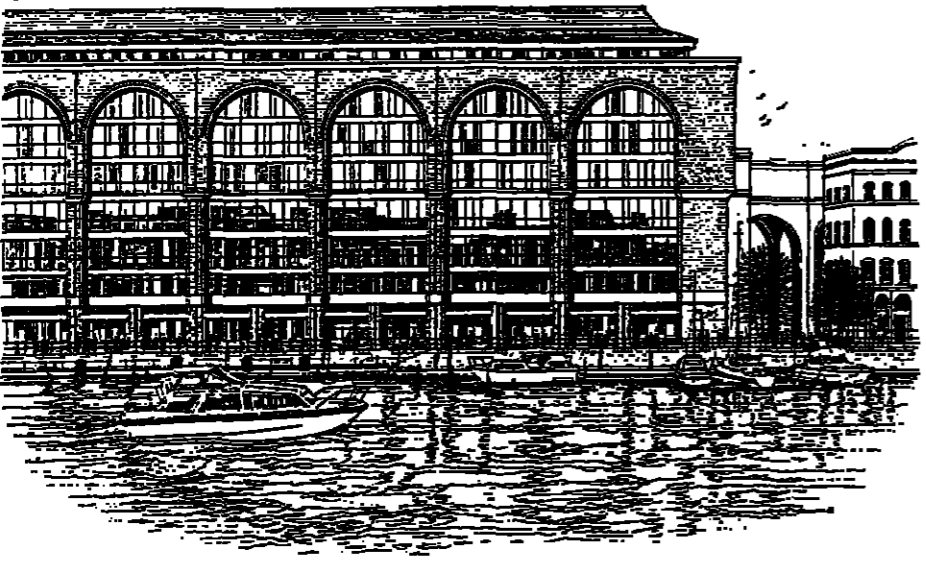
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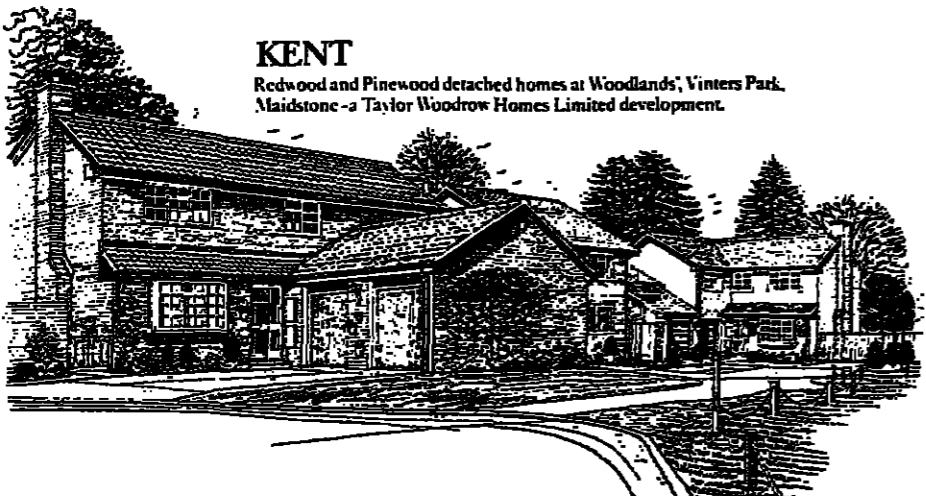
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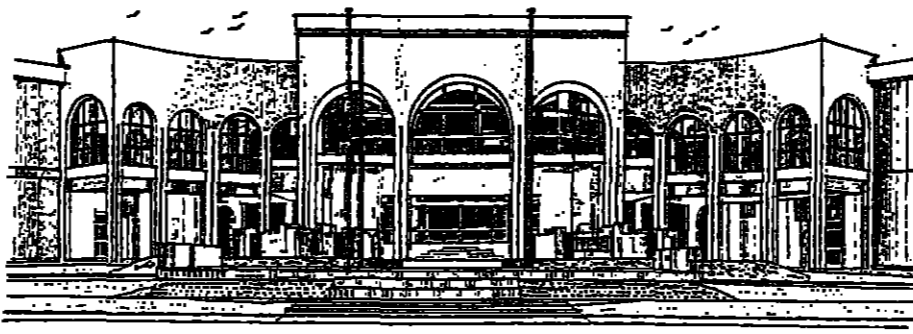
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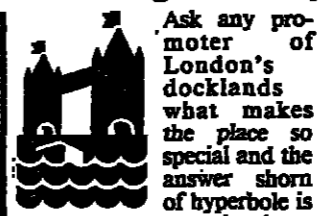
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Ask any promoter of London's docklands what makes the place so special and the answer shorn of hyperbole is water. There are, as the glossy brochures unfailingly remind us, 450 acres of docks and 55 miles of water's edge. It is water, from the horse-shoe-shaped bend of the River Thames round the Isle of Dogs to the brooding, leaden depths of the Royal Docks five miles to the east, that underpins docklands' claim to be the "truly exceptional place". This area will be the key, two or three decades from now, in judging whether the planners and developers have made a miracle east of Tower Bridge or whether they have merely compounded a familiar urban mess. This may sound obvious but it was not always so. The inner London boroughs which once exercised sway over docklands spent much time and money filling in docks in the 1960s and 1970s to build council houses on the site. Surrey Docks suffered particularly. It is to the credit of the London Docklands Development Corporation that this has largely stopped and that the enormous poten-

lands and it demands an environment to suit. Such an economy also makes it easier to fulfil the LDDC's avowed aim of mixing up housing with offices and businesses, to create more balanced communities where people can live, work and play.

Examples of such deliberately mixed development include Surrey Quays, on the south bank of the Thames along from Tower Bridge, where a 270,000 sq ft Tesco superstore, with up to 30 smaller shops, and the new Mail Newspapers printing centre, will share a reclaimed landscape with a variety of new housing schemes.

In the Isle of Dogs enterprise zone, those able to afford at least £110,000 for a two-bedroom or three-bedroom house in the attractive Roger Malcolm development at Clippers Quay, will have a fine view across the watery expanse of Millwall docks, of the following: the new Daily Telegraph printing plant, a set of offices taken by American bankers Merrill Lynch, a £600,000 publicly funded community water sports centre, the 200,000 sq ft multi-purpose Docklands sports and entertainment arena, and the projected £70 million Brunel Centre.

Beyond all this, of course, will be the controversial triple towers of Canary Wharf, rising some 850 ft above the docklands skyline. Laurie Olin, one of the designers of Canary Wharf, believes the scale of docklands - a scale in which "vast liners were easily accommodated" and gigantic power stations and silos looked right - means that large towering buildings are entirely appropriate.

Estate agents now dabble in aesthetics

trial of dockland waterscapes as the central design feature of redevelopment has been recognized.

In several places, water in the shape of canals to provide a connecting landscape, theme is actually being brought back.

Such attention to *genius loci* sits ill with the reputation of the LDDC for a hard-nosed, no-nonsense approach to regeneration. What prompts a body described by a critic as being a "bunch of small-minded estate agents" to dabble in aesthetics? The answer is an odd one: free-market economics. The quality of design in docklands is marketed.

Britain's most ambitious exercise in urban regeneration will when it is completed, furnish a conspicuous and highly enduring testimonial to the abilities of the free market to produce places, as well as products, that satisfy the consumer.

It is this which explains the LDDC's interest in water. For the yuppies, market-makers and City refugees who are now clamouring for a toehold in the booming docklands private property market, water means play, while access to dock and riverside means amenity, views and even higher house prices.

The difference in perspective is not merely one of generation or even of social class. It is the beginning of a new chapter in social history. One clue to this lies in the changing structure of docklands' employment. Manufacturing's share of jobs has dropped from 38 per cent in 1981 to 22 per cent. Hotels, catering and distribution now top the list at 33 per cent and financial and business services account for 24 per cent. A service and leisure economy is now arising in dock-

A place where people would really like to live

If such talk sounds uncomfortably like the megalopolitan visions of Le Corbusier or Mies van der Rohe, which subsequently drove many unwilling citizens up into tower-blocks, consider that docklands will be a place where people will, largely, choose to live.

The post-industrial water city of the 21st century is shaping itself according to consumer demand. But there is also an important lesson - the very uniqueness of docklands, both its water and its closeness to the heart of London, makes it a very poor model indeed for urban regeneration schemes anywhere else.

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A trip through London's docklands is the intellectual equivalent of a dose of sahs. The effect on visitors of seeing so much concentrated activity, such intensity of building and demolishing, is cathartic and, usually, instantaneous, producing a numbed and dizzying sensation of progress.

While opening a computer centre in the Isle of Dogs enterprise zone this summer, for example, Norman Tebbit enthused vigorously about the area's prospects.

Millwall and West India Docks, he forecast glowingly, could one day be transformed into a future Manhattan-on-Thames, a "Wall Street on water".

If scale and speed of activity are a measure of success, then the London Docklands Development Corporation, after a slowish start, has succeeded wonderfully.

Projects which five years ago would have been scoffed at — a 27-knot water bus service, an airport, a high-level railway linking with the heart of the City — now seem unstoppable.

The "fast tracking" of projects is becoming standard: the new *Daily Telegraph* printing works was ready in 24 months. The first "redevelopment" — replacing a 130,000 sq ft Millwall Dock warehouse, already refurbished, with 750,000 square feet of offices — will start shortly.

Closer inspection, however, reveals an altogether more variegated reality, with one or two persistent and as yet unsolved problems.

Chief among the latter is the very real prospect that local people, whether or not they are elbowed out in the property boom, seem unlikely to

share significantly in any future jobs bonanza except perhaps on the menial peripheries as waiter, porter and upstairs maid.

The LDDC, with a growing range of training-based initiatives, is trying hard to counter the local skills shortage, but there are many deeply-ingrained attitudes, and a certain fatalism, to overcome.

A further problem, will be reconciling the increased pace of regeneration with a local transport system that suddenly begins to look somewhat sketchy.

The main reason for the variations in style and speed of redevelopment, however — apart from the Isle of Dogs' highly privileged position as an enterprise zone — are the variations in character within docklands itself.

It is not, as many outsiders might think, one big place but lots of little places, historically shut off from each other not merely by the River Thames but by the docks themselves.

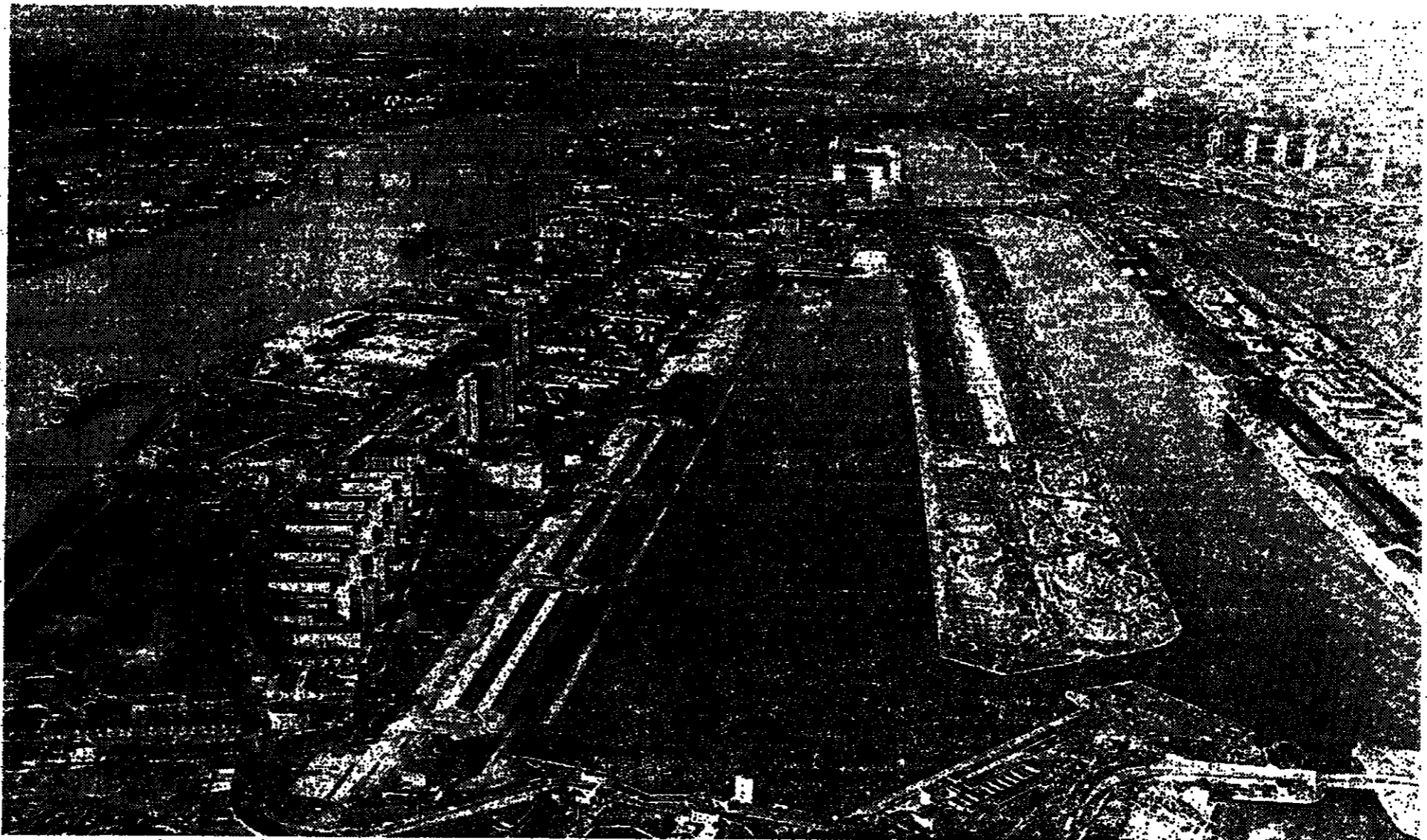
Each has its own identity, summed up most noticeably in around 310 listed buildings, from warehouses to Hawksmoor churches.

Local variations are another reason, ideology apart, why there is no "master-plan" for docklands. In its place there are the ideas, skills and imagination of developers, from which the LDDC makes its selection. Hence the improvement in overall design as docklands grows more popular: there are simply more ideas to choose from.

The rule of thumb in docklands is that the further west you go from Tower Bridge, the newer the activity.

London Bridge City, 2.5 million square feet of Kuwait-financed office space west of Tower Bridge, already has its first phase fully let.

Next to the bridge, Butler's Wharf is being gutted to make way for luxury penthouses and



The Royals: the Victoria, Albert and George V Docks, with the Stolport runway, centre, and the Thames Barrier, background left

a Covent Garden-style scheme which will include the world's first Design Museum, sponsored by the Conran Foundation.

Probably the most familiar "gateway" to docklands, however, and almost certainly the best known bit of dock regeneration is St. Katharine's, where redevelopment is now almost complete. The EEC Trade Marks office may be housed on one of its few remaining sites.

Beyond St. Katharine's lies Wapping and Limehouse, a region of narrow streets, small, enclosed basins, tall warehouses now undergoing conversion into high-priced apartments, and private river frontages. The latter thwarting one of the LDDC's few basic design philosophies, that of providing public riverside access.

Wapping, of course, witnessed the first instalment in the invasion of docklands by Fleet Street, in the shape of News International.

Following closely behind, in no particular order, are *The Guardian*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *Mail Newspapers* and the *Financial Times*.

Coupled with the prospect of a "City in exile" at Canary Wharf, the moves have a peculiar symbolism, lending

much credence to the claims of the LDDC that the centre of gravity of London, after centuries of shifting to the west, is in the process of a momentous reversal.

Much of the developing character of Wapping will be determined by a highly ambitious project to convert the

Centre of gravity moving east

newly-constructed Albion Canal and the man-made tumulus of Stave Hill, giving marvellous views over the city.

Here, too, is the five-acre Rotherhithe ecological park, run by the Trust for Urban Ecology, the largest in Britain. Half a dozen other natural parks and city farms are dotted round docklands.

In contrast to the staid and low-rise look of the Surrey Docks, the Isle of Dogs, further east still, is boom town, a bright land of open spaces, breezy optimism and innovation, where Canary Wharf has suddenly transformed expectations.

As a direct result, for example, the neighbouring "water

Jobs for 33,000 are envisaged

cover 670 acres, fairly described as the most important urban redevelopment site in Europe. The area is already destined to house the new city airport, the Stolport.

Three consortia have put forward proposals for the Royal Docks, ranging in cost from £400 million to £750 million and containing ideas such as a Londondrome — a 25,000-seat stadium — a science park, a huge tramway and exhibition centre, an arboretum and a marine centre, as well as houses, shops and hotels. Four thousand houses are envisaged and 33,000 jobs.

Amid the many uncertainties that still surround the proposals, one thing is reasonably assured: if they go ahead, they will go ahead fast and London will never be quite the same again.

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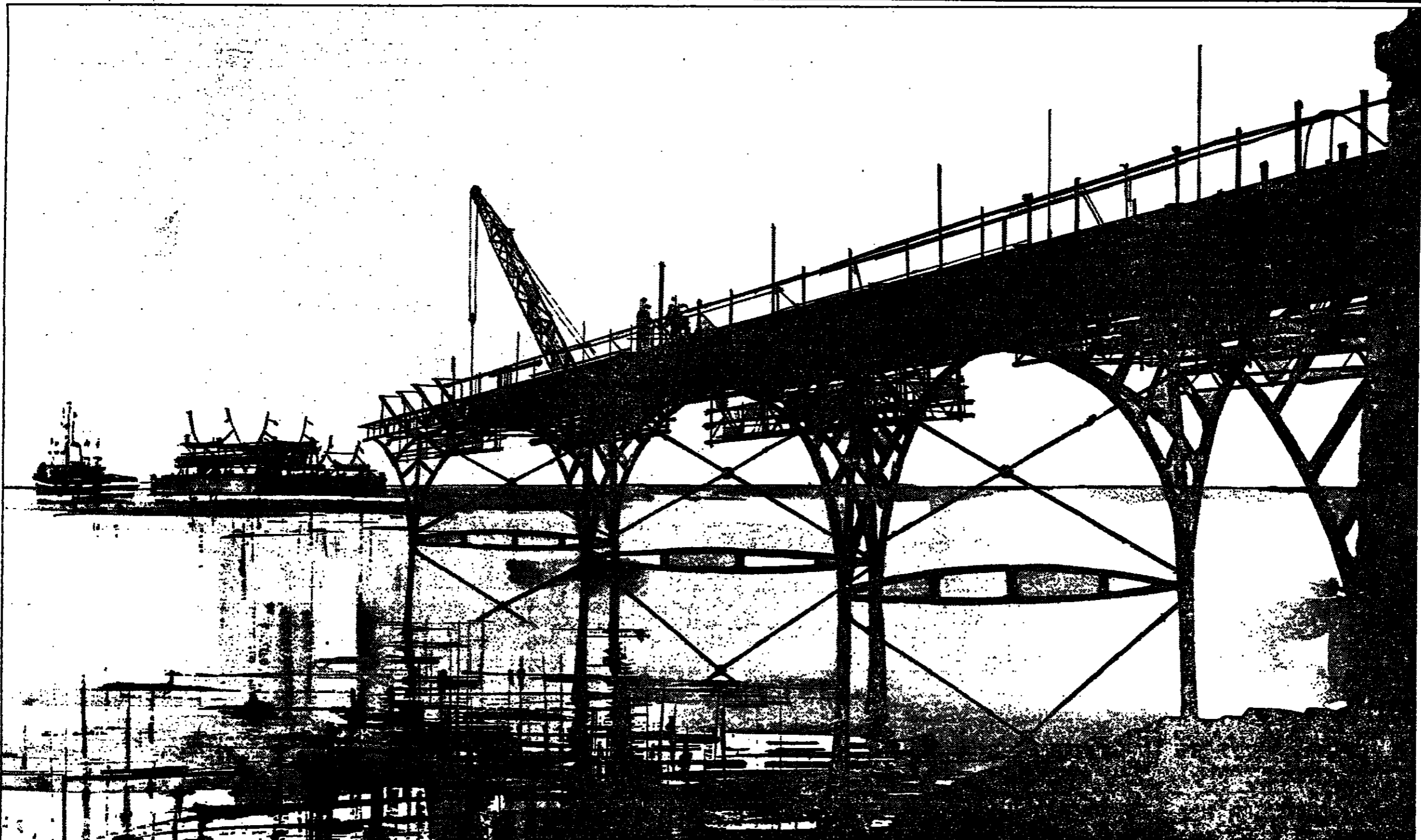
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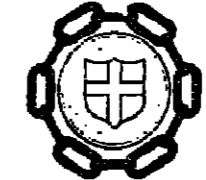


When the oil price slumped, it seemed like the end of the pier.

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Traffic jams today, transport tomorrow

The contrast between the transport services that London's Docklands has, and those proposed for it, could hardly be greater. Amid the drumming for the fast roads, new railway, water-buses and international airport due to start operating in the next year or two, only a handful of bus routes at present joins the Isle of Dogs to the rest of London.

It is, however, sobering, in view of the grand schemes for the area, to follow a large mechanical digger around the A1206 Isle of Dogs perimeter road, slowed by narrow stretches and sharp bends. Residents, already bitter at the invasion of "big money", as the local photo-montage protest campaign puts it, and the first of the new work force moving in, all testify to the unpredictability of travel times on often-jammed roads. A brighter glimmer of the future, the elegant red, white and blue carriages of the £77 million Docklands Light Railway, due to start running from next July, lies hidden for the moment behind seedy walls and derelict buildings.

The new trains, with a West German body design, but GEC and other British electronics and parts, have picture windows, including one at the front where passengers can sit, spaces for wheelchairs and notices telling users to hold tight because of the speedy acceleration.

At the moment, Ian Anderson, the commissioning engineer, and his colleagues are testing the first of the 11 trains that will run on the 12.1-kilometre (7½-mile) route linking Tower Gateway, Stratford and Island Gardens at the southern tip of the Isle of Dogs. GEC and Mowlem, the contractors, hope the railway

will be a showpiece for future work by British engineers. In fact the technology that takes the lightweight carriages around tighter curves and up steeper slopes than can conventional railways makes use of much from the area's rich industrial past: many of the rails are secondhand British Rail material, and much of the line follows old routes, such as those of the London and Blackwall Railway, the North London Railway and the Millwall Extension Railway, using the sturdy bridges and viaducts left by their Victorian builders.

The London Docklands Development Corporation should know by the end of this month whether the private Bill for the Eastern extension towards Beckton and the proposed City Airport is likely to get through Parliament, a process that could take a year.

The City eastwards to Newham. The roads will eventually link Docklands to the M11 and the M25.

The corporation is putting in hand procedures for acquiring land for road projects, of which there are about a dozen large-scale schemes and many minor ones.

Mr Potter said the corporation was trying to stimulate water transport for freight, although he added that financial mechanisms to encourage developers to bring in bulk materials by water were still at a negotiating stage. And as for passenger river services, Mr Potter said developers were being encouraged to build new piers and add some shelter for the proposed fast river transport service, probably from Chelsea to Greenwich, that the corporation hopes private operators will run. Meanwhile the 92 acres intended for the new City airport for short take-off and landing craft (Stoptort) east of the Isle of Dogs have been cleared of the warehouses that stood there.

Once the area was a derelict No Man's Land if only because of its inaccessibility. Today plans envisage a bold communications system that will put it back on the map

Howard Potter, the corporation's transport planner, said that it was at "a critical stage." Meanwhile measures to allow the extension of the light railway westwards, to Bank Underground station in the City, are almost complete.

The railway, first conceived as a stimulus for jobs in the area, has had to revise its plans to cope with the influx of businesses seeking to set up offices in developments such as Canary Wharf. Mr Potter said that work was under way to resolve the difficulties for heavy lorries, with a number of schemes, such as the Eastern Gateway access road, going ahead, and several public inquiries on others expected.

Road proposals are expected to cost more than £200 million. The main one is a dual carriageway from near

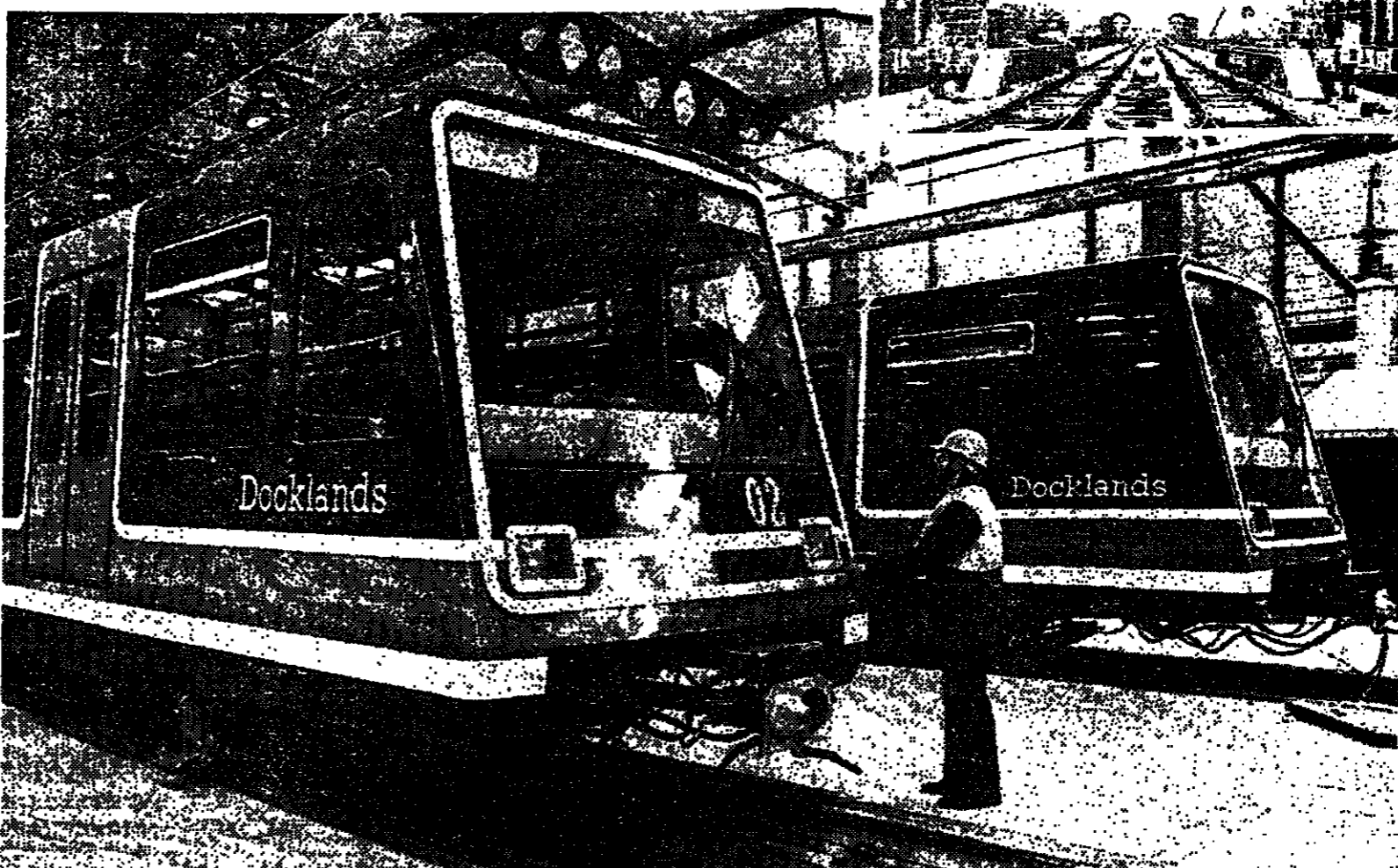
houses that stood there. Demolition work is complete, an official of Mowlem, the contractors said.

The two-storey terminal building is up in frame form: the 762-metre runway will be finished later this month.

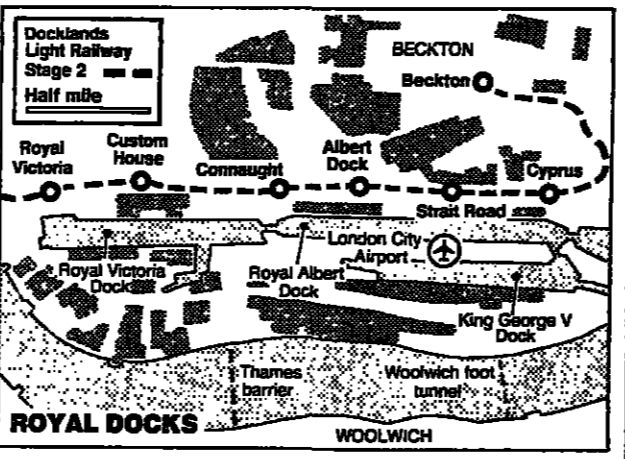
By next spring the Civil Aviation Authority will have considered applications from operators wanting to run services from the airport, including — so far — Brymon Airways, Eurocity Express (a subsidiary of British Midland Airways) and British Air Ferries. Continental operators may also be in the running.

Test flights are expected to begin next summer, ready for the October opening. The £18 million airport is expected to take up to 1.2 million passengers a year.

Anne Warden



The stylish red, white and blue carriages of the £77 million Docklands Light Railway, due to start running in July, and, inset, the handsome stops being built at regular intervals for the line. The new trains have picture windows, including one at the front where passengers can sit



The London Docklands Development Corporation was given what appeared to be a thankless task when it was set up five years ago. It was charged with regenerating 5,000 acres of derelict Dockland a stone's throw from the City of London.

At that time no developer or investor would consider developing offices, shops and industrial space in the vast area which was the legacy of a once-booming but long-deserted port handling London's international trade.

The creation of the LDDC and government commitment to paying for the vital road and rail links needed to open up Docklands was the vital spur to the commercial development of an area where land prices have soared and developers are vying to build multi-million schemes.

The Isle of Dogs in Docklands became London's only enterprise zone. The tax advantages on offer ensured that it was the first location to attract new commercial development.

The Daily Telegraph is building a £75 million printing works there, leaving behind its Fleet Street home. The paper's journalists are also to move to a £70 million building by Marples Ridgeway, called South Quay Plaza. Phase two of the scheme has just been sold to Rosehang, a developer, for £22 million.

But the biggest and most controversial proposal for the Isle of Dogs is the plan to create a new financial centre at Canary Wharf. A consortium of foreign banks, including Credit Suisse, First Boston and Morgan Stanley, wants to build what has been dubbed "Wall Street on Water".

The 10 million sq ft scheme, costing around £1.5 billion, is intended to provide a home in three skyscrapers for financial corporations based in London in the wake of Big Bang — the deregulation of the City's financial markets.

The key to the scheme's

Property boom goes to the Dogs

success will be the extension of the Docklands Light Railway to Bank underground station

The developers are to pay £45 million of the £100 million costs.

So far the consortium has not found tenants to sign on the dotted line and there is scepticism about the development. But even if does not take on its present form, there is every likelihood that a lot of space will be developed there.

Meanwhile an Arab consortium is to build a £50 million, 240,000 sq ft office scheme facing Canary Wharf in the enterprise zone.

The Charter Group will soon begin a one million sq ft

first phase has been let to leading international banking and financial firms such as Citibank and Price Waterhouse, the accountants, unable to find enough quality office space in the Square Mile.

The developer will soon start the second phase of the project, which was hailed as the biggest redevelopment in London since the Great Fire.

Attention will soon shift eastwards in Docklands to the huge water area of the Royal Docks.

The catalyst to commercial development here is the go-ahead for a short take off and landing (Stol) airport to take business travellers to the Continent.

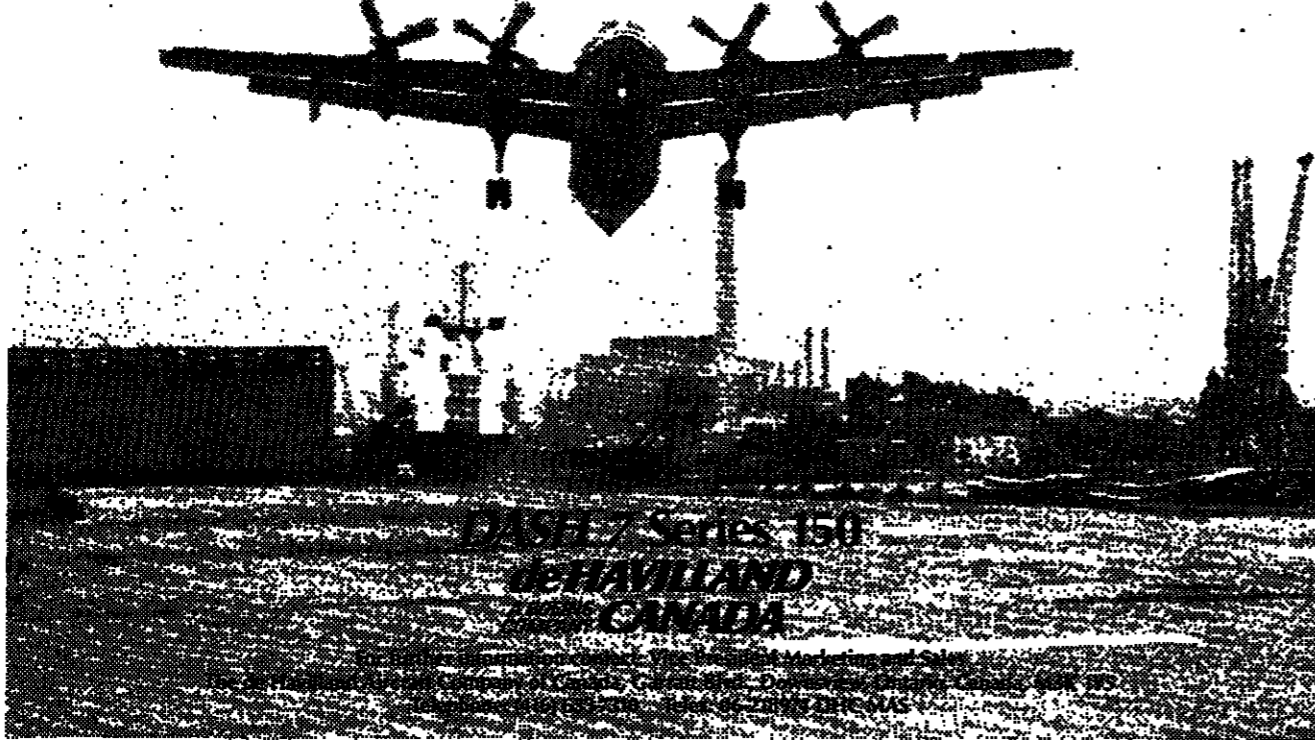
There are three proposals totalling £2 billion to turn the Royal Docks into a "water city". The LDDC is considering rival plans from consortiums of developers.

Rosehang Stanhope, of the developer of 2.5 million sq ft of offices next to London's Liverpool Street Station, plans a £750 million scheme with a 2.5 million sq ft commercial park, a 500,000 sq ft shopping centre and a marine centre with 250 dwellings. A consortium of contractors — John Laing, Fox and VOM, the Dutch company — wants to create a £544 million scheme with 1.3 million sq ft of offices, a hotel, stadium and exhibition halls. And Conran Roche, part of Sir Terence Conran's empire, with the Heron Corporation and John Mowlem the contractor building the airport and railway, wants to see a £400 million scheme with 3,000 dwellings, a hotel and a mix of offices, leisure and retailing.

A far cry indeed from the days when Docklands was shunned by the commercial property world.

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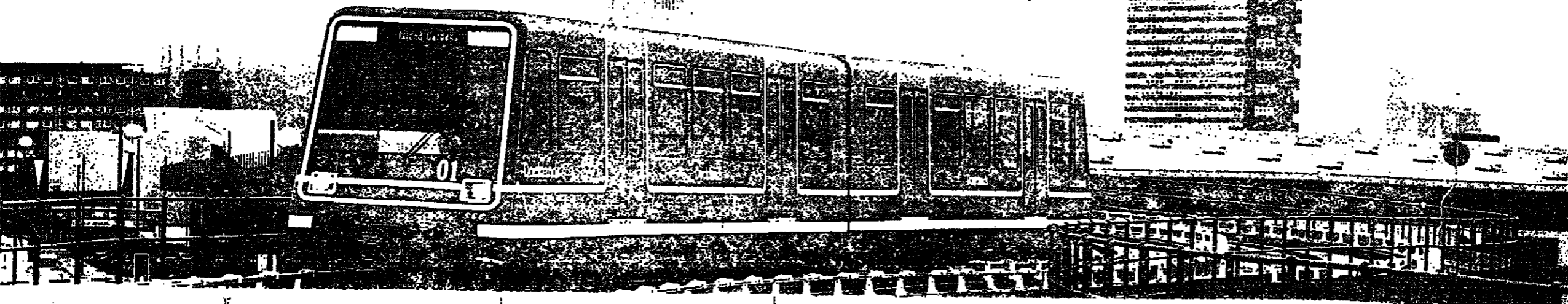
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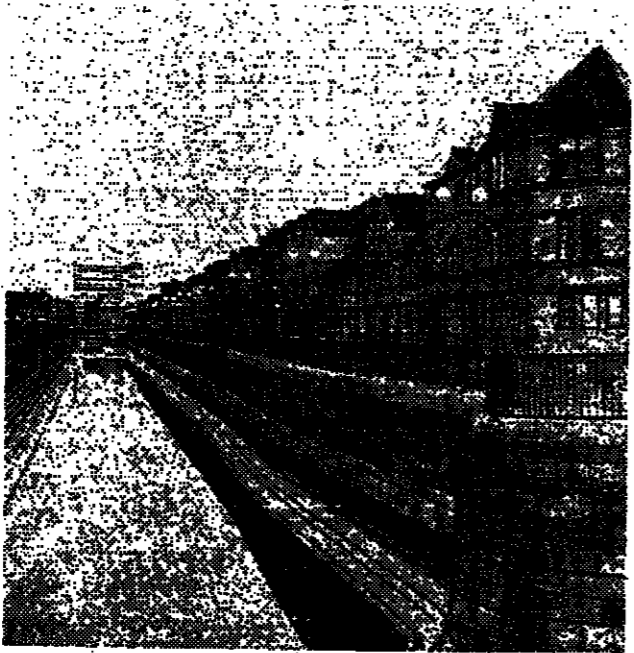
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LONDON DOCKLANDS/6

The property renaissance is creating benefits - and some problems

Docklands is both a boom town and a building site, the biggest by far in London. As development has gathered a real momentum since the formation of the London Docklands Development Corporation in 1981, the face of the area is changing fast, but it will still be many years before it can be completed, many years before the bulldozers and cranes leave Docklands to the people who live there.



Modern canal-side houses at Wapping by the Thames

The scale of the renaissance of this part of east London is staggering, an area of eight square miles, so it is not surprising that it is taking a long time. Since the LDDC began operations, nearly 4,000 new homes have been built on sites it has released and another 2,500 on private land in the Docklands. A further 9,000 homes are planned or under construction, and the demand for houses and flats there is such that price rises have been spectacular - or in some cases seen as scandalous by the local authorities covering Docklands which fear that local people will be priced right out of the area. Last week a report by Greenwich council's housing committee claimed that it had become a speculator's paradise, where land prices had increased to as much as £1.5 million an acre and with penthouse flats changing hands for £1 million. The corporation is only too well aware of these fears. Mr Christopher Benson, chairman, said when launching the annual report in the summer that 50 per cent of all housing had been sold for less than £40,000, of which 40 per cent had gone to local people. He admitted, however, that the point had now been reached when land values were such that new houses were not affordable for many people. He said: "We must look at alternatives such as equity sharing, and we are trying to get help from the Government for housing associations. We have also supported three self-build schemes". The latest indication of Docklands' success and its further potential is the arrival of the big estate agents, joining the local agents who have been nursing the area for years. This year Chestertons and

Where a house can double its price in a year

even Savills opened offices there, and earlier this month Knight Frank and Rutley announced that they too would be opening an office on the Isle of Dogs. When Chestertons (now owned by the Prudential) arrived in April as part of its expansion policy, Nigel Conradi, managing director said: "We think Docklands will probably be the highest growth office of our whole network. The scope for capital appreciation and potential growth is without comparison. Docklands is not only the largest city-centre development in Europe, but undoubtedly the fastest changing and most exciting." Surveying the area, Dominic Grace, partner in charge of Savills' Docklands office, comments that the most distinctive thing about the properties is that there are very few period houses (Dr David Owen owns one such a property in Wapping) and no blocks. The market is basically restricted to recently con-

looking for accommodation other than the traditional Victorian terraced house. Mr Grace warns that developers will have to take care to provide what they seek - meaning spacious and interesting accommodation of one, two and occasionally three bedroom units, and not the somewhat cramped and boxy accommodation that many developers have so far built, largely because no-one could have anticipated the extent of the boom.

This view is borne out by recent developments for sale. At Telfords Yard on The Highway not far from St Katharine's Dock a Victorian former wool warehouse has been converted into 55 flats and 23 penthouses.

They cost from not far short of £100,000 for a one-bedroom flat to around £350,000 for the penthouses, and the agent, Alan Selby, has quickly sold most of them. He reports that about half the buyers are connected with the City.

Savills are selling a ground floor flat in Limehouse Wharf, a warehouse on a riverside inlet, and asking around £325,000; they are asking the same price for a top floor maisonette in the award winning New Concordia Wharf, south of the river, a conversion of a listed Victorian warehouse; a flat of over 2,000 square feet in Olivers Wharf, Wapping High Street, a Victorian Gothic former tea warehouse, one of the earliest conversions in the area, is for sale at £350,000 through Carleton Smith and Company who will also sell you a three-bedroom flat at St Johns Wharf in Wapping High Street, for £335,000.

The strength of demand is shown too by the example of London Yard, a development of 300 homes designed by Building Design Partnership in the Isle of Dogs, and with a Dutch feel to it through its developers the Dutch company VOM UK. The agents, Parris and Quirk, report that all 300 were pre-sold in 18 months, with the third phase not yet started.

At the other end of the market, Regalian Properties have been active in conversion and new building in cooperation with the local authorities. It is proud to be part of a private-public partnership and carried out the conversion of a Tower Hamlets council estate in Wapping, Riverside Mansions, to provide 163 flats.

Now it has won the tender for Hermitage Basin in Wapping for the LDDC and Tower Hamlets, to provide 370 new homes including 90 for the use of Tower Hamlets Council. The 90 local authority houses of one to five bedrooms will go into Tower Hamlets' housing stock, at no cost to the council.

It is a good example of the efforts being made to provide houses for local people, to create a balanced community. Docklands is steadily filling up.

Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Cambridge University, this evening attended the 25th Anniversary Founders' Dinner at Churchill College, where His Royal Highness was received by the Master (Professor Sir Hermann Bondi)...

The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend two receptions at St James's Palace on November 27 for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Dennis and Miss M.J. Carroll The engagement is announced between Peter Hugh, younger son of the Right Rev John and Mrs Dennis, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Miranda Jane, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Carroll, of London, NW11.

The metal plates that need to be attached to buildings recording which fire company had insured them, are keenly collected and Phillips set a new auction price record for one yesterday at £4,840 (estimate £1,200-£1,500).

It dates from around 1721 and is one of the earliest issued by the Royal Exchange Assurance. The lead plaque is embellished with a picture of the Royal Exchange building and a crown. It was bought by Mrs D.S. Bolger, an American collector. The highest price previously paid for a fire mark at auction was £3,080.

Latest wills Judge George Andrew Miller of Greatham, Cleveland, left estate valued at £52,438 net. He died intestate.

Bridge trial The second weekend of the final international trial for the England bridge team in the Camrose Cup series took place at the Young Chess Club in London when a double round robin was played.

Moreton Hall Shropshire A dinner was held at Moreton Hall School on Sunday, November 9, to mark the retirement of Mr Michael Charterworth from the governing council after 12 years as chairman.

Marriages Mr C.S. Parsons and Mrs J. Silverman The marriage took place on Wednesday, November 17, between Mr Chris Parsons and Mrs Joyce Silverman (née Dove).

Christie's sale of Chinese export porcelain saw high prices for spectacularly decorative pieces. A pair of faience vases with Buddhist motifs, highly coloured and having fearful fangs, sold for £39,600 (estimate £6,000-£10,000).

Cherries in the snow is the theme of this slightly eccentric hat from the 1987 collection of Philip Somerville, the milliner, shown in London yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).



Luncheon Environmental Cleaners' Company The Lord Mayor presented letters patent confirming the Grant of Livery to Lady Porter, Master of the Environmental Cleaners' Company, at a meeting of the Court of Aldermen held at the Mansion House yesterday.

Receptions The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill were hosts at a reception given in Speakers' House yesterday evening to commemorate the success of the Speaker's appeal for St Margaret's, Westminster, which was launched two years ago.

Supper HM Government Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a supper held last night at Lockets Restaurant in London of the President of Uganda.

Dinners Lord Chelmer Lord Chelmer entertained members of the St George Dining Club at dinner last night at the House of Lords. Mrs

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white peacock dishes secured £3,300 (estimate £1,800-£2,500). In contrast, there was little interest in paintings and all the dinner services failed to sell. The morning total was £263,648 with 20 per cent left unsold.

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OBITUARY

SIR GEOFFREY THISTLETON-SMITH Naval all-rounder with gallantry award

Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Thistleton-Smith, KBE, CB, GM, died on November 15 at the age of 81. A torpedo specialist, he had a busy war career, and also rendered valuable service defusing landmines. Afterwards he occupied senior appointments at home and abroad.

After the war he spent a period at the National War College in the United States and was then Captain (D) of the 5th destroyer flotilla. He subsequently commanded the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, was from 1954 to 1956 Chief of Staff, Home Fleet, and was Admiral Commanding Reserves 1956-58. His final appointment was as Admiral British Joint Services Mission, Washington, from 1958 to 1960.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

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Dow tumbles sharply at the opening bell

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street managed to recover some of its composure after a sharp decline at the opening bell. The decline was sparked by news on Friday that...

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EEC ministers agree plan to liberate capital movements

EEC finance ministers yesterday agreed on moves designed to give complete freedom of capital movements within the community. The measures enable European companies to issue, and buy, bonds and shares in any member state...

Ministers warned on economy

Unpalatable measures will be needed to bring the economy back under control, says Chancellor today by Charterhouse, the investment and banking group.

Fuel cost tops concerns for ceramic association

The British Ceramic Confederation will be launched today, representing the interests of a £1.5 billion industry with products ranging from refractory linings to dinnerware.

Why Heath's investors should reject Fielding

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ELDERS: All Elders' operating companies have made a good start to the 1986-87 year. Mr John Elliott, the chairman, said...

TMD ADVERTISING HOLDINGS: Final dividend 2p for the year to August 31. Figures in 2000s. Turnover 423,013 (34,749).

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP: Results for the year to September 30. Figures in Aus\$000s. Net

FLEDGELING JAPAN INVESTMENT COMPANY: Net asset value per share at November 17 was 186 yen (€0.8099 or US\$1.1558).

VOLEX GROUP: Interim dividend 3.3p (3.0p) for the half year to September 30. Figures in £000s. Turnover 31,651 (29,440).

COMPANY NEWS

APPOINTMENTS

The Littlewoods Organisation: Miss Joan Christmas joins the board of the chain store division as marketing director. Benchmark Trust: Mr Graham Smith is made deputy managing director.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table with multiple columns showing option data for various companies like Allied Lyons, BP, Comgold, Courtauld, Com Union, Cable & Wire, GEC, Grand Met, ICI, Land Sec, Marks & Spenc, Shell Trans, Trafalgar House, Jaguar, Thomson, Teeco, Brit Aero, BAT Indus, Barclays, Brit Telecom, Century Schweps, Guinness, Imperial Gr, Ladbroke, LASHCO, Midland Bank, P & O, Racal, RTZ, and Vauxhall.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns for Series, Call, Put, and Date, listing traditional options for various companies.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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OTHER STERLING RATES and DOLLAR SPOT RATES tables, providing data for various currencies and spot rates.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES table, listing futures prices for Treasury Bonds, Short Gilt, Long Gilt, and FT-SE 100.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns for Base Rates, Euro Money Deposits, and Gold prices, providing market data for money and gold.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of equities and rights issues for various companies.

Form for requesting a detailed brochure on application. Fields include NAME, ADDRESS, POSTCODE, and POSITION.

Advertisement for Ashford Castle in Mayo, Ireland, offering Christmas packages. Text: 'Spend Christmas in the Castle where the President stayed!'.

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Table for weekly dividend tracking with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN.

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Table listing short-term investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % Chg.

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Table listing medium-term investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % Chg.

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Table listing index-linked investments with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % Chg.

BREWERIES table listing companies like AC, Ascher Chemical, and Barmouth Brew.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS table listing companies like Drummond, British Telecom, and LWT Hidge.

FINANCE AND LAND table listing companies like British Petroleum, British Airways, and British Airways.

FOODS table listing companies like Ascher Chemical, Ascher Chemical, and Ascher Chemical.

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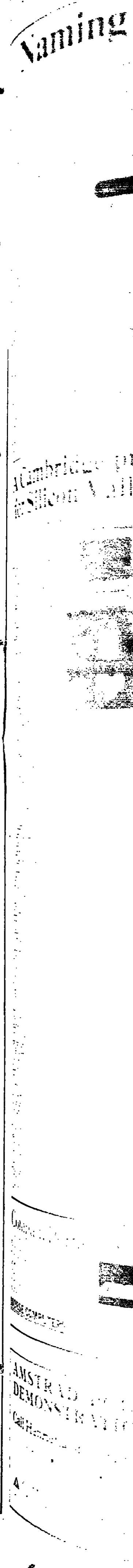
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Edited by Matthew May

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Naming Big Blue's new rival

A rose by any other name may smell as sweet, but the top managers at computer companies Burroughs and Sperry hope that their merged companies will smell even sweeter under their new name: Unisys.

Unisys was selected from more than 31,000 names submitted by employees of both Burroughs and Sperry in a competition announced shortly after merger plans were finalized. Lee Machen, a software specialist at the company's Atlanta office, came up with the name - which Burroughs chairman, W. Michael Blumenthal, explains was comprised of the words "United, Information and Systems".

"It signifies that we are solidly one company, unified and committed to the world information systems marketplace," he said last week. "We are a new force there. We have the skills, global presence and staying power to meet customer needs for years to come."

The name itself - while an interesting sidelight to what has to be the most ambitious merger in the computer industry has ever seen - is probably not as significant as the development plans the Unisys management team reviewed at the christening ceremonies last week in Detroit.

"We are pledged to our customers that the Sperry and Burroughs computer architectures will be continued in perpetuity to protect customer investments," Mr Blumenthal said. "The company behind that commitment to the two customer groups is Unisys, a streamlined, cohesive en-

ty being built from the best of Burroughs and Sperry."

Those plans are even more important when you consider that Unisys now comprises a \$10 billion-plus business and becomes the second largest computer company in the world, surpassed only by IBM.

And not all the plans involve all portions of the existing Burroughs and Sperry empires. Mr Blumenthal has indicated that some parts of both companies will have to be sold in

THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

order to make Unisys more of a "cohesive entity".

He said last week that the sale of \$1.5 billion in assets not essential to the core information processing and defence businesses will be accomplished before the company's previously-set December, 1987 target date.

"By merging, we initiated a historic restructuring of the information processing industry that I firmly believe was needed, one that will have major consequences," said Mr Blumenthal.

Despite the fact that the sheer size of Unisys is likely to make it powerful (like that old joke about "Where does an elephant sit?", with the inevitable reply of "Anywhere it wants to!"), the company will have to be extremely careful that duplication, conflicting strategies and old rivalries will not

upset the delicate balance needed for it to succeed.

No one is more aware of this than Mr Blumenthal, who is also keen on achieving more than the \$150 million annual cost savings outlined in the original merger plan (an objective described as achievable by a recent Sperry/Burroughs task force).

One of the biggest challenges will be finding off IBM, which has got to be far more concerned about Unisys than it ever was about either Sperry or Burroughs individually. Now that Unisys is the number two computer company in the world, Big Blue is likely to be a lot more aggressive in how it tackles this competition.

And IBM will have to move fast. Sperry has long-standing contacts in the defence and aerospace industries, while Burroughs has always achieved success in the banking and commercial sectors.

Together, they could well expand market share in existing markets and move on to further challenge IBM's traditional domination of the office automation business.

But one area where neither Burroughs or Sperry has been particularly strong, is in the lower-market personal computer business. Both companies stayed with "proprietary" hardware and software until very late in the day, when Sperry made the move to compatibility with IBM's PC and AT desktop microcomputers on the Sperry IT and Micro/IT machines.

While this may have been a problem two or three years ago, when IBM was raking in large amounts of



Michael Blumenthal: new force money from its PC endeavours, the lack of PC market share is not likely to be so crucial now.

IBM is having to rethink its commitment to the lower end of its PC business, as cheaper "clones" of its PC made in the Far East flood the market and turn personal computers into a low-cost, high-volume commodity.

IBM has already indicated on several occasions that it will probably leave the lower-end of the PC market soon and concentrate on its AT-specification PC and a new machine based on the Intel 80386 computer processor.

Such machines would start to become valid competition for small minicomputer systems and it is then that we will really know whether or not Unisys will smell as sweet as Sperry and Burroughs ever did - as the new company goes head-to-head with Number One.

Ford puts quality first

BRIEFING

Ford has begun a new training initiative intended to help organizations to improve the quality of their work by implementing statistical process control (SPC), a powerful set of techniques for process improvement. The Department of Trade and Industry is supporting the initiative.

Quality control has traditionally been based on defect detection, then correction. SPC uses sampling and statistical techniques to predict problems before they happen so that the emphasis is on defect prevention. The "vehicle" Ford has chosen for the training is inter-active videodisc and, for the application of inter-active video so far, the company, Futuremedia, Futuremedia will script, produce and programme a series of laser-vision discs on SPC.

A Ford official said: "Although this initiative is mainly directed at our own manufacturing locations and vast supply base, the generic nature of the subject makes it potentially applicable to any process."

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Every message, says MicroLink, will get through and be replied to, right up to Christmas Eve when the mythical joy-spreader leaves to deliver his presents. SantaLink (groan) is the latest service being offered to subscribers from MicroLink. The format gives access to features such as WeatherLink, for the latest weather pictures; FloralLink, where you can order delivery of flowers anywhere in Britain; and TheatreLink. MicroLink recently provided a link to allow computer users on both sides of the Atlantic to chat to one another using their micros.

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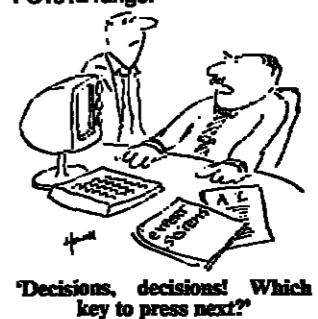
North West Water has announced contracts for computer-based systems, for the first stages of a £16.55 million integrated regional telemetry strategy. The £4.25 million contracts, awarded to Logica and Dynamic Logic, have great implications for

the water industry because the new high-tech scheme, to be completed in 1989, will offer great benefits to both the consumer and the authority.

Another Gem

Digital Research is predicting that with the launch of the 12th Gem (graphics environment manager) software package and its recent Amstrad deal, the number of users of its Gem software will have reached more than 1½ million by the end of next year. Several hundred Gem-based programs covering the main application areas, including several high-end programs in desktop publishing, CD-ROM publishing and CAD/CAM, are now on the market.

Gem is Digital's graphics user interface, which presents the user with a screen displaying easily understood symbols (known as icons), windows, drop-down menus and dialogue boxes, instead of requiring the user to learn the often cryptic DOS command language. Gem was most recently chosen by Amstrad for its new Amstrad PC1512 range.



"Decisions, decisions! Which key to press next?"

A Cambridge punt for Silicon Valley

By Richard Sarson

Rank Xerox is setting up a European offshoot of its Palo Alto Research Centre in Cambridge. It will be called EuroPARC and will be staffed by a mixture of European and American scientists, with a Palo Alto man as its director.

The original PARC changed the way people interact with computers. In 1973, a mixed team of psychologists, cognitive scientists and software writers, recognized that tapping away at a keyboard was not a natural way for a human to talk to a machine.

They decided that most humans are happier dealing with pictures than words or numbers. They came up with the idea of moving a "mouse" around the table, to point the screen-cursor at pictures, called "icons", on the screen.

Thus, if the user wants to rub out what he is doing, instead of typing DELETE, he points to a picture of a wastepaper basket.

Until recently, Xerox did not commercialize these ideas successfully, but some of the team moved over to Apple and designed the Macintosh on this principle. The GEM and WINDOWS visual interface software brings the PARC ideas across to the IBM PC and its clones. All the world now uses mice and icons.

Another PARC development, in 1975, was the Ethernet local area network, for linking computers together. This too has become a worldwide *de facto* industry standard. PARC, therefore, can be described as Silicon Valley's most influential research team and Cambridge will gain from the cross-fertilization.

Bill Spencer, head of research at Xerox, says that 95 per cent of the work of EuroPARC will be open and only 5 per cent related to proprietary products.

Between now and February he hopes to recruit 12 to 15 of Europe's best scientists working on the interaction of computers with humans. He also wants to co-operate with other universities, working in the same field.

Already, Rank Xerox has provided \$30 million to European universities through its University Grant Programme, for research into electronic publishing and artificial intelligence.

Edinburgh, Newcastle, Cambridge and University



Bill Spencer: Looking at Europe's best scientists

College London have benefited from this scheme.

PARC's research will include speech input to computers and computer animation. But much of the research will go on at a deeper level. For instance, one team at PARC, under Tom Moran, whose background is psychology and cognitive science, is working on how people from different disciplines, for instance, scientists or lawyers, form their ideas.

They look at the whole process, from confusion to understanding, and are developing "idea processing" software, called Notecards, to help the process. Another team of sociologists and anthropologists are working on a project, Colab, which studies the way groups of people work together.

Part of this research brings a team of engineers with their workstations into one room and studies how they share the information in their files. Such fundamental studies could revolutionize how computer networks should be built up, and how data should be held and accessed on those networks.

It could also change the way project teams of the future work together. It will be interesting to see how the American scientists in Palo Alto interact with the European team in Cambridge.

One of the aims of the Cambridge centre is to shorten the cycle from research to market. Xerox clearly needs to avoid providing the basic research for another Macintosh.

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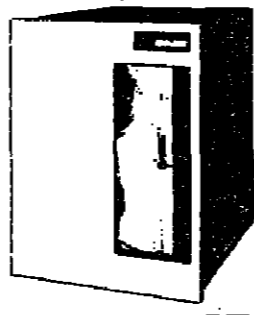
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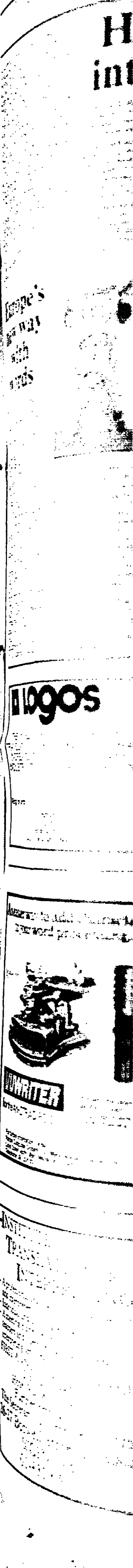
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Hi-tech moves into translation

Automatic translation, or translation produced by the computer itself, is the big talking point in the translation world. It is usually known by the somewhat ugly and misleading term "machine translation".

Every November the international Translating and the Computer conference is held in London — this year's conference was the eighth — and the fixture looks like becoming as established a feature of the month as the Lord Mayor's Show.

The conference is recognized as the world's leading forum on the subject and speakers and participants come from all over the globe.

The pattern is usually for a "low-tech" day, which looks at aids to translation and changes in translator training, and for a "high-tech" day, which examines the latest developments in machine translation.

The conferences are organized by Asitb (the Association for Information Management), previously in association with the Translators' Guild.

The guild has now handed over its role to a new organization on the language scene, the Institute of Translation and Interpreting.

The institute, which had its inaugural meeting only in April this year, has as its president one of the leading UK experts in computational linguistics, Professor Juan Sager, of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST).

There is no doubt that the Translating and the Computer conference series, and the published proceedings resulting from them, have made a major impact on the translation profession.

They have introduced translators to the new technology, they have brought together practitioners, university researchers and teachers of linguistics and translation techniques, and producers and vendors of machine translation systems.

Using computers to translate natural language text has been a dream since the Second World War, but took a long time to turn into reality.

The early enthusiasts tended to over-estimate what computers could do and under-estimate the complexity of natural language.

These early enthusiasts shared what is still a common delusion

among non-linguists, that translation from one language to another is simply a matter of word substitution.

In fact, perfect translation is impossible, since every human language embodies concepts and ways of thinking which are unique.

The human translator translates by making subconscious inferences all the time from the context and from his experience of life. A computer has no intuitive common sense.

In Europe a major turning point came in 1977 when the European Communities organized a major conference called Overcoming the Language Barrier. This brought together many researchers and potential users.

The European Communities themselves decided to see if Systran, a system devised by an American, Dr Peter Toma, using a mainframe computer, could be used in their services and set up an organizational structure which now uses Systran regularly for handling part of the EC translation requirement.

The language business that was born in Nuremberg



Nuremberg trials: test case for translation and interpretation

Ninety per cent of the world's population does not speak English, even though in every country people who have dealings with the Americans or ourselves have made it their business to understand English.

It is easy to forget that, despite their apparent fluency in English, the German politicians, the Japanese businessmen, the Spanish hotelier or the Swedish engineer remain more at ease in their own languages.

When they are buying, rather than selling, they want documentation to be in their own tongue.

To remain competitive, industry needs to operate multilingually and translation is suddenly becoming big business.

Operating instructions for complex machinery, maintenance guides, tender specifications, contracts, international treaties, regulations and decrees — some of these documents running into hundreds of pages — all have to be translated.

How is the existing translation service, fragmentary and unregulated, going to cope?

There are two approaches to the answer: one is to increase the productivity as well as the number of human translators; the other is to use computers.

Until recently there were few full-time translators. Much translation was done as a side-line by people with other jobs who "happened to know" one or more languages. The quality of work done this way was variable and output often low and unpredictable.

Now, international institutions, governments and big companies have their own translation departments. Smaller firms either use translation companies and agencies or place work directly with freelancers.

The larger translation com-

pany will usually have a handful of in-house translators but will also make use of freelancers, while agencies often act as little more than brokers between client and freelance.

Laymen often confuse the terms translation and interpretation but in the language profession translation is used for written work and interpretation for the spoken word.

Both received recognition as professional occupations at the Nuremberg war crime tribunals.

A mass of documentary evidence had to be translated from German into English, French and Russian for the judges, counsel and defendants, and the entire proceedings had to be interpreted by teams of people rendering speeches into the various languages almost simultaneously for participants to hear on headphones.

This system was later adopted for the United Nations and for the growing number of international bodies created in the post-war world.

Today a number of universities — Bradford, Salford, Bath, Heriot-Watt, Surrey and Essex among them — as well as institutions such as the Polytechnic of Central London, run technically oriented undergraduate and post-graduate language courses and are helping to dispel the image of the ineffectual languages graduate.

At first the word processor was viewed as a marvellous editing machine for the translator who wanted to correct or improve his dictated work without the need for retyping.

But now this is giving way to the concept of the translator working directly on to a keyboard, using all the text processing facilities to speed up operations.

Current thinking is that the modern translator needs to have a computer work station with a range of facilities from looking up abstruse terminology to preparing the text in a camera-ready form for printing.

Europe's new way with words

The EEC is to create a computerized language translation system — probably the most ambitious high-tech scheme in the world — that can be extended to cope with any language pair. There are nine working languages in the Community, making 72 language pairs.

The new system, called Eurotra, is still in the research stage with working groups in each of the member states. The UK groups are at Manchester University's Institute of Science and Technology and Essex University.

It is only in the 1980s that commercial machine translation systems have been available for use with microcomputers. The leading firms offering these systems — ALPS (Automated Language Processing Systems), Logos and Weidner — were all originally American-based, though Weidner is now owned by a Japanese translation



company called Bravico.

Both ALPS and Weidner started in Utah, where the Mormon Church has its world headquarters. The Mormons (the Church of Latter Day Saints) became interested in the 1970s in the possibility of using computers to help in translating their scriptures and other publications for use in worldwide missionary endeavours. Research was undertaken at Brigham Young University at Provo.

Machine translation was found unsuitable for religious publications, but the research did produce "spin-off" in the development of systems for commercial use.

All three companies quickly saw Europe as a major market and established headquarters here — ALPS in Switzerland, Logos in West Germany and Weidner in Britain.

Meanwhile, many of the world rights to the Systran system have recently been acquired by a French engineering company, Gachot SA, and associate companies. A number of industrial companies have bought systems and are using machine translation with apparent satisfaction.

All translations generated by these systems need a degree of post-editing and it is still a subject of discussion as to whether post-editing an automatically-generated translation is faster than translating from scratch.

What is becoming obvious is that a lot of attention has hitherto been paid to the systems and perhaps not enough to how to make the most use of them.

Things are now moving ahead fast, along several paths at once. The commercial machine translation companies are getting into their stride and expect to make big sales in the next few years.

The use of Artificial Intelligence is evidently going to be the main feature of the next generation of machine translation — it will help computer systems to make inferences from contexts.

A question often asked in the West these days is: "What stage have the Japanese reached in machine translation?" They are known to be particularly interested in AI applications and investing heavily in them in other fields.

Several major Japanese companies are working on machine translation. The complexity of the Japanese language, which means that it has no chance of becoming a lingua franca, even in Asia, and the huge translation requirement of a country with an exports-led economy, make translation even more important to Japan than to any Western country.

So far, machine translation has been mainly confined to the leading commercial and

political languages, English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Arabic, Chinese and Japanese — though Logos originated in a project for the translation of manuals into Vietnamese during the Vietnam war.

But we can now expect more and more languages to be added. Programs for languages such as Dutch, Italian and Portuguese are now becoming available.

Two years ago, at the 1984 Translating and the Computer conference, a Malaysian spoke of the tremendous unsatisfied demand from an educated workforce for technical material of all kinds, from textbooks to car workshop manuals, in Malay.

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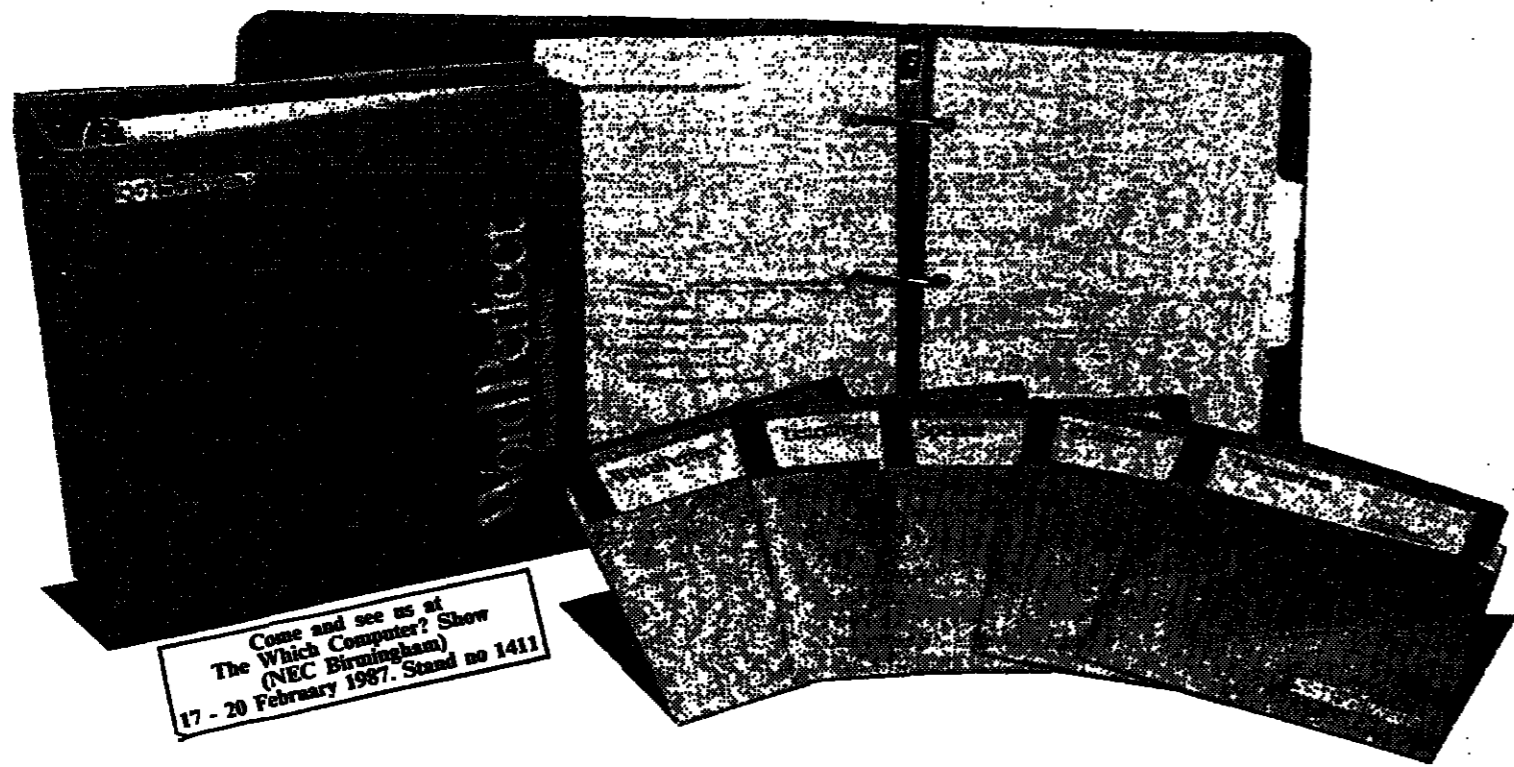
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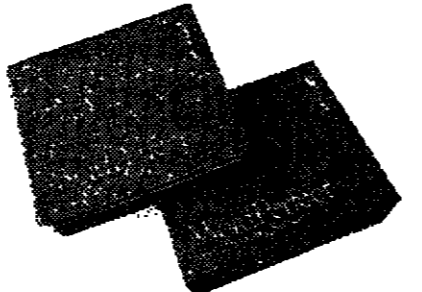


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Zenith is still holding a trump

By Geoff Wheelwright

Zenith Data Systems — the self-styled "sleeping giant" of the personal computer industry — has a lot more up its sleeve than its plans to take on Alan Sugar's Amstrad at the low end of the PC market would indicate.

In fact, the announcement by the self-styled "sleeping giant" of the PC industry last week that it would be shipping an upmarket business PC, based in the Intel 80386 microprocessor, could be far more significant than Zenith's new-cost hard disc computer being a few pounds cheaper than the comparable Amstrad offering.

Zenith now joins the rarified ranks of Compaq and Apricot in announcing 80386-based PCs before IBM has even announced a machine based on this powerful, new microprocessor.

For Zenith, the announcement of what it calls the "Z-386 supermicro" puts it firmly in the big leagues of the PC market and should greatly help its attempts to grow from being a government and corporate-only business computer supplier to being a dealer and direct sales-based all-round competitor to the likes of Compaq and IBM — both of which have gained a great deal of their success from an extensive dealer both in North America and Europe. Although the less than \$7,000 (in fact, \$6,499 for the 40 Mb hard disc model and \$7,499 for the 80Mb hard disc model) machine will not be available in the US until the end of the first quarter, 1987 (with UK prices still not yet determined), the fact that Zenith

has such a machine ready before IBM enhances the company's reputation before it has even shipped its first machine.

But Zenith will have to take account of the fact that Compaq has been shipping its 80386-based PC for two months and will have a head start in selling the 386 technology. The fact that Zenith is announcing now and shipping early next year is slightly ironic, given its recent history in taking business away from IBM by virtue of Big Blue's own delay in announcing its portable computer.

Earlier this year, Zenith won the lucrative US Internal Revenue Service contract for portable computers largely because Zenith's machine was ready to go and IBM's wasn't.

The time lag between announcement and shipment of the Z-386 is not unusual in the computer industry and may merely have been a factor of Zenith wanting to make the initial unveiling of the machine at this month's influential Comdex show in Las Vegas, where company president Robert Dilworth sang the machine's praises.

"Operating a Z-386 compared to an 8088-based PC is the difference between driving a Porsche and riding a bicycle," he said. "Zenith's high speed design makes the Z-386 the ideal workhorse for the Local Area Network (LAN) file servers, Computer-Aided Design (CAD), desktop publishing, window application environments, artificial intelligence and program development."

Only time will tell whether the Z-386's design is also enough to put Zenith's name in the PC market top 10.

Man in the know with an eye on BP's future



David Eggleton: New breed of professionals in information technology

A lot of people would give their eye-teeth to know what David Eggleton knows. As head of Information Systems Administration for BP, Britain's largest company, with a £40 billion turnover, he has a good idea of what new developments can be expected in information technology during the next few years.

Not only does he know what BP plans to do with its £230 million annual information systems budget (which excludes the BP-owned Scicon Computer Services Company and Sohio) this year and five years hence, he is also privy to the future strategies of IBM and Digital Equipment, the two major players in the world's computer market.

This privilege is given only to a select number of high-powered international computer users who, quite naturally, must sign non-disclosure agreements.

Reporting to the board of BP, Mr Eggleton has a lower complement of staff than he did 22 years ago when he was deputy head of management services at the De Havilland Aircraft Company in Hatfield. Then he had more than 60 people under him and two years ago at BP when he controlled 300 staff providing information technology services throughout the Group.

Today he has just 14 staff

PEOPLE

By Eddie Coulter

who between them are responsible for information policies and strategies which form the base from which BP's many business streams conduct their computing, office systems and telecommunications operations.

"Information in BP," he says, "is regarded as a resource which ranks alongside cash and people. The role of Information Systems Administration (ISA) is to provide a consistent infrastructure enabling BP companies to exploit information technology to provide a competitive element in their business activities."

His staff are not all information technology people. "They are high profile executives," he explains. After spending two years on the ISA team, this new breed of professionals move into senior management taking information technology awareness to the heart of BP's business streams. "They have a missionary role to play for information technology," he says.

He remains in the IT driving seat aware that many of his policies will have to be im-

plemented by BP's 3,250 information technology staff worldwide.

For such a high-powered position Mr Eggleton is a remarkably relaxed individual. This could be explained by his main hobby — fishing for pike on the River Clare in Suffolk or with one of his two grown-up sons along the banks of the Avon and Severn.

Born in Hereford, Middlesex, from a working class background, Mr Eggleton now lives in Hertfordshire. He left Bristol University with a degree in aeronautical engineering and joined De Havilland where he took a post graduate course in production engineering. By 1960 he was involved in O & M, production control and computer systems, as one of the early systems analysts.

Maintaining his interest in production engineering, he remained with computers through systems analysis and management positions at Texas Instruments and Babcock and Wilcox before joining the process engineering group, APV, as data processing manager in 1967.

"It was an amazing experience at APV," he says. "I was just 31 and the managing director pointed to an empty car park and said: 'this is where you will build your computer centre'."

Ten years later when he was with STC he was to turn down the offer of a production directorship with APV.

He describes himself as an "IT mercenary, not a technocrat" as far as BP is concerned. Many computer people in the company start their career at BP or join at an early age, he explains. He was headhunted in 1978 at the age of 42 from his position as group manager of Systems and Data Processing at STC.

He became assistant general manager of computer systems at BP and general manager when his predecessor retired later that year.

By 1980 it was clear that information technology would have a strong penetration into the BP group as a whole and in 1981 the ISA department was set up under Brian Hitch from Sohio in the United States.

This coincided with the restructuring of BP into various business streams and resulted in the creation of Information Systems Facilities in 1983 with Mr Eggleton in charge. When Brian Hitch returned to Sohio in 1984, Mr Eggleton moved into the number one information strategy slot.

As well as co-ordinating in IT policy worldwide, he also occasionally lectures at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

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FAST work to beat the cheats

By Frank Brown

A major campaign to combat software piracy by computer users in businesses and organizations has been launched by the Federation Against Software Theft (FAST), an IT industry trade association based in London.

The message that unauthorized copying of software is legally and morally wrong is being promoted through a floppy disc sized booklet entitled *Thou shalt not steal*, which FAST is distributing to computer-using organizations throughout the country.

The booklet explains how the law protects software, and how unauthorized copying and use of software damages the industry and users alike.

Launching the campaign, FAST's chairman Roger Tuke, said: "Everyone now agrees software piracy is wrong. FAST is now asking major users to do something about it."

The police are now prosecuting commercial pirates and counterfeiters, he said, but FAST believes considerable unauthorized copying is taking place within a number of computer-using organizations.

Mr Tuke said that FAST will be working together with the managements of these organizations to encourage all companies and organizations which are licensed users of software to adopt appropriate policies and procedures.

Last year, FAST staged a similar campaign called "Beat the Cheats" aimed at the IT industry, schools and education authorities.

FAST was formed in 1984 by a number of computer companies to lobby for modifying copyright law so that it provides full protection of computer software and microchip design. Membership includes more than 90 firms and some trade associations and is growing by about six a month.

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A party's right to proceed with an arbitration was not in the class of contractual rights which had, by implication, to be exercised reasonably...

Mr David Grace, QC, for the charterers, Mr Richard Aldous, QC, for the owners.

MR JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that two disputes - the cargo claim and a demurrage claim - had arisen in connection with the discharge of the ship's cargo in April 1975.

The demurrage arbitration had been completed in 1980, but the charterers had heard nothing more of the cargo claim until October 1983.

His Lordship had heard evidence that the majority of maritime arbitrations started following a dispute and that it was not the normal practice for the respondent to take any initiative to prod the claimant into action.

The law, as stated by Lord Diplock in Bremer Vulkan Schiffbau und Maschinenfabrik v South India (1981) AC 909, 986, was that both parties were under a mutual obligation to each other to join in applying to the arbitrator for appropriate directions.

abandon, the respondent knew or believed that he was not, no acceptance could be inferred from the later silence and inaction.

This was the same rule applied to litigation, that a claim in a writ not repeated in the statement of claim was treated as abandoned (see note 18/15/3 in The Supreme Court Practice 1985, 2094).

The claim thus abandoned could, in the discretion of the court or tribunal, be revived by amendment to the pleadings but once a final judgment had been given or award made the abandonment was irrevocable.

At first sight the reference had been made to include the cargo claim. However, arbitrators had by then already been appointed for several months in respect of the cargo claim and, objectively, the parties were unlikely to be intended to establish a new tribunal for that claim where one already existed.

Moreover, the reference had followed immediately upon proceedings under section 27 of the Arbitration Act 1950 in which only the demurrage claim had been in view.

Those matters convinced his Lordship that the apparently wide terms of the reference did not, on their true construction, include the cargo claim. Therefore the Smith v Johnson doctrine did not apply and the owners were not precluded from pursuing their cargo claim.

Even if the doctrine had applied, both parties would, in view of the agreed assumption on which the section 27 proceedings had proceeded, have been estopped by convention from asserting that the cargo claim had been encompassed in the second reference.

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Forex Neptune (Overseas) Ltd v Miller and Others Before Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, Mr O'Brien and Mr J. A. Powell [Judgment November 11]

On an equal pay claim based on work of equal value, an expert's report was required to consider whether the employers had made out a defence of a genuine material factor other than sex before sending the case forward for assessment by an independent expert.

Section 1(2)(c) of the Equal Pay Act 1970, as amended by the Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1794) provides: "Where a woman is employed on work which is, in terms of the demands made on her (for instance under such headings as effort skill and decision), of equal value to that of a man in the same employment..."

Section 1(3), as amended, provided for a defence that a material factor which was not the difference of sex.

Rule 7A of the 1980 Rules inserted by the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure), Regulations (SI 1983 No 1807) provided that in any case involving an equal value claim where a dispute arose as to whether work was of equal value, a tribunal should require an expert to present a report.

Mr Timothy Walker, QC and Mrs Gillian Keene for the employers; Mr Robin Allen for the applicants.

SIR RALPH KILNER BROWN said that the male comparator, Mr Hosain, was employed in March 1982 as a clerk and in March 1985, when the original applications were submitted, he was earning £10,538.

Mr Hosain had been found wanting in capability and performance and had been moved to different posts, still retaining his salary. The employers' case was that he had been demoted and downgraded.

Section 1(3), as amended, provided for a defence that a material factor which was not the difference of sex.

The appeal tribunal preferred to think that all that was required of an employer was that he should produce evidence that the woman's job did not require the same degree of effort or skill or decision as the man's.

In some cases an industrial tribunal would be entitled to say that there was no reasonable basis for arguing that her work was of equal value.

Section 2A(2) of the Equal Pay Act seemed to limit an industrial tribunal's powers to stop a case in its tracks to cases where an employer had produced a job evaluation study.

It was unrealistic to expect small companies to have the time or expertise to indulge in that type of exercise. Guidance from the Court of Appeal would be welcomed.

The present case indicated one possibility of avoiding a reference under rule 7A. An employer could say that whether or not the work was of equal value he could avoid a finding of an equality clause by establishing that the difference in pay was due to a material factor other than sex.

Mr Allen submitted that the words in rule 7A were mandatory and there had to be a reference to an expert whenever there was a dispute as to whether or not the work was of equal value.

The industrial tribunal correctly decided that this was an unnecessary procedure. Regulation 8 of the 1980 Regulations gave a tribunal a discretion to decide its own procedure.

Responsibility for enforcing safety regulations

Hedley v Hancock and Another Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Peter Pain [Judgment November 14]

When the main activity carried on in any premises changed from one where responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 rested with the Health and Safety Executive, to one where that responsibility came within the ambit of the local authority, the transfer of enforcing authority became effective immediately, notwithstanding that the transfer procedure under regulation 5 of the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations (SI 1977 No 746) had not been followed.

Accordingly, the Queen's Bench Divisional Court allowed an appeal by case stated by the prosecutor, Mr G.A. Hedley, Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Sandwell Borough Council, from a decision of the Magistrates sitting at Old Hill on June 5, 1986, that since the procedure under regulation 5 had not been carried out, the local authority was not the relevant provisions under the 1974 Act against the defendants, Sidney Hancock and Peter Hancock.

MR RODRICK HENDERSON for the prosecutor, Mr Stephen Mignall for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE CROOM-JOHNSON said that the defendants' premises at Rowley Regis were until recently used primarily as a mill rolling out. There was an accident at the mill and an employee was injured because of the inadequate guarding of one of the machines.

It was thought appropriate that the case should be presented for the breach and on March 11, 1986 the prosecutor laid informations against the defendants. The question arose as to whether the local authority was the proper person to have brought the proceedings.

It was an agreed fact at the hearing before the justices that until some time in 1984 the main activity carried on in the premises was one of manufacturing and hence the enforcing authority was the executive.

However from 1984 the main activity at the premises changed to storage of goods for wholesale and retail distribution.

The executive was established by section 10 of the 1974 Act and its duties defined by section 11(5). Section 15(2) granted the secretary of state power to make regulations for any of the general purposes of the Act.

Section 18(2) provided that the secretary of state might by regulations make local authorities responsible for the enforcement of the relevant statutory provisions and make provision for enabling responsibility for enforcement to be transferred from the executive to the local authority or from the local authority to the executive.

Accordingly, the 1977 Regulations came into existence. Regulation 5 provided that where the main activity carried on in the premises was specified in Schedule 1 the local authority for the area in which the premises were situated "shall be" the enforcing authority.

Schedule 1 contained "the sale or storage of goods for retail and wholesale distribution" as one of the activities which came within the ambit of local authority enforcement.

Regulation 5 which was headed "Arrangements enabling responsibility for enforcement to be transferred" provided by regulation 5(1) that responsibility for enforcement might be transferred between the local authority and the executive under a procedure outlined in that regulation.

The defendants submitted before the justices that although their main activity had since 1984 been the storage of goods which was covered by Schedule 1 of the 1977 Regulations and therefore was to be dealt with by the local authority, the local authority did not become the enforcing authority until the procedure under regulation 5 had been gone through.

It was submitted on behalf of the local authority that regulation 3, which laid down the activities in Schedule 1 for which the local authority was to be the enforcing authority, was mandatory as the words used were that the local authority "shall be" the enforcing authority, and that regulation 5 was permissive because the words were that responsibility "may be" transferred.

It was clear beyond doubt that there had to be someone who had the duty and obligation to enforce the relevant statutory provisions. Whether it was the executive or local authority depended on the particular case. One started with the executive and the other with the local authority.

MR JUSTICE PETER PAIN, agreeing said that it was clear that regulation 3 of the 1977 Regulations meant what it said. Regulation 5 simply contained ancillary provisions which dealt with the position where it might be administratively convenient in a particular case.

There was no doubt that as a matter of law the enforcing authority changed when the main activity changed. The construction contended for by the defendants would lead to intolerable inconvenience.

Solicitors: Sherwood & Co for Mr G.A. Hedley; Messrs Bromwich, David Goulding & Co, Halesowen.

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prayer answered Hail Mary ... likely ... county

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Patriots' prayers are answered by a 'Hail Mary'

By Robert Kirby

When practice does not make perfect in the National Football League, sometimes a prayer will help. On Sunday, the New England Patriots stood second from last...

It was there for me to get, Fryar said. This play has never been successful in practice. We work on it two times a week. You're throwing the ball up for grabs and you're hoping that something good will happen...

BASKETBALL

New Pirates unlikely to collect the bounty

By Nicholas Harling

A change of American players is unlikely to be enough to help Happy Eater Jr. and his Pirates reach the semi-finals of the Prudential National Cup next weekend...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Duane's fitness in question

By Keith Macklin

The injury-dogged international career of Ronnie Duane suffered another setback yesterday when Duane, recalled to play for Great Britain in the third international at Wigan...

Football: Luton reap the rewards as ban on visiting supporters cuts costs and brings peace and safety

Identifying a cure for the English disease



FOOTBALL IN CRISIS

Football in England is beset with problems. In the first of two articles, David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, examines the underlying issues.

Luton Town's revenue last season from supporters of visiting clubs was £70,000. Their police bill was £120,000. This season, with their unilateral ban on visiting supporters, their police bill will be approximately halved...

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Nobody seems able to provide a gross figure for the Football League income from visiting club supporters, yet the League claims it is essential for survival.

This week Douglas Hogg, from the Home Office, and Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, have further meetings with Mr Millichip and Mr Croker...

I believe Luton should be supported, even though the management committee voted against them," John Smith says.



Flare-up: Eradicating hooliganism is seen by many clubs as the only way to halt dwindling attendances

authority of both chairman of Liverpool and the Sports Council. "We should be backing anything that any club can do to eradicate hooliganism. I deplore that Luton were not supported. It was narrow-minded."

Yet he is almost the only significant figure in the League to have supported David Evans. The League, desperate to climb back on to the European carousel, seeks medicine rather than surgery.



David Evans: Radical solution

men who kick over the dining room table. It should be respectable, not frivole, to say that you are a football fan, and in becoming a member you should expect security.

Football's justifiable complaint against government in the past has been inadequate penalties imposed in the courts. Changes in the Public Order Act have hardened the position, as have the new regulations on alcohol consumption.

secondly, are an infringement of freedom traditionally enjoyed by spectators. A definition of freedom, however, is the liberty to behave unmolested so long as the freedom of others is not impaired.

The ONLY argument today for tolerating off-the-cuff visiting supporters — as opposed to those who, like theatre-goers, are prepared to book seats in advance — is financial, and even that factor can be seen to be self-defeating.

In the days before teenage wages and cheap travel, visiting crowds were almost non-existent and watching football was a pleasure. All that changed in the sixties, when, allegedly, we never had it so good.

This philosophy reached its nadir when Ron Atkinson praised the supporters of Manchester United from the steps of the City Hall for having helped the team at Wembley "save" a Cup Final after having a man sent off.

Both Millichip and Smith reluctantly concede that England's re-admission into Europe next season would be premature. "I've seen nothing to make me alter the view I expressed six months ago," Smith says.

"One riot and we shall be out again for all time"

Comments in a speech by Millichip at a centenary dinner of Shrewsbury Town, reported out of context, suggested a return was acceptable to UEFA, and imminent. This was, and is, not so.

That return, by the England XI rather than by clubs, will occur in 1988, if the team qualify, in the European Championship finals in West Germany, where, Millichip admits, the German fans will be waiting for us.

"We are the only country that exports our hooligans," Millichip says, reflecting that the European finals of 1984 were noticeably

peaceful when England failed to qualify. "How can we expect UEFA to organize its competitions specifically to take account of our hooligans?"

Already, Millichip and Croker are receiving taunting letters from so-called England supporters saying "see you in Germany" and boasting that they are National Front or will pay for the trip with DHSS subsidies.

With everybody in the game agreed that the only possible future for English participation in overseas football is for the total exclusion of visiting fans — Millichip, Carter and Smith are all adamant on this — why cannot Football League clubs accept the corollary in their own competition?

Football offers the biggest opportunity for a punch-up

Carter correctly says it is an illusion that there are problems every Saturday at all 46 League matches, and asks by what standards behaviour in England is being judged by UEFA when considering a possible return: especially when trouble is equally apparent in The Netherlands, West Germany, Italy, Spain and even the Soviet Union?

He points to the statistics of the Police Federation: arrests 44 per cent down in 1985-86; that arrests were for less violent offences; that closed circuit television, now installed at all first and second division grounds, is increasingly effective in reversing the things motivation — football offers the biggest opportunity for a punch-up with the smallest possibility of detection.

Yet so long as supporters are able to travel without membership cards, the risk of disruption remains. Events this season at Middlesbrough, Exeter and Darlington, and more notably on the cross-Channel ferries transporting Manchester fans, have proved this.

John Smith says that European finals should in future be home and away (like the UEFA Cup) with no visiting supporters; but this, as Millichip has pointed out, is tailoring European football for the convenience of England's ailment. Never mind that the Belgian administration at Heysel was contemptuously inept beforehand and on match day.

The view within football tends to be: shift the trouble from inside the stadium into the streets and then it's up to the Government. When I would take issue with both Millichip and Carter is that the illness is society's and football is an integral part of society.

TOMORROW The 12-year-olds

Degrees awarded by the University of Bath

The following degrees have been awarded by the University of Bath:

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- Chemistry Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987... Chemistry Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987... Chemistry Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987...

- Mathematics and Computing Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987... Mathematics and Computing Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987... Mathematics and Computing Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987...

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- Economics & Politics Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987... Economics & Politics Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987... Economics & Politics Class 2 (Div 1): J B 1987...

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The Prince of Sweden comes out of his solitude to deliver a soliloquy

Enter Svensson, son of Hamlet

By Paul Martin

Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and even Stefan Edberg are names that can scarcely be said to conjure up images of great wit... or human frailty.

escaped from five match points, captured two sets but faltered in his last service game. It had appeared one-way traffic until midway through the third set when a new determination emerged.

largely, though, his problems are within his mind. "On the court I try to keep everything within myself.

which almost all top players have emerged, youngsters are given priority: those in the junior squad have the best court times, between two and six pm.

MOSCOW'S quest for recognition

Rugby in the Soviet Union has come of age and the Soviet players are willing to prove that anywhere - save South Africa - anytime and against any nation they can lay their hands on.

RUGBY UNION

New Zealand leave Paris for home today at the end of their eight-match tour of France, having shared the international limelight for the first time.

GOLF



Starlet and stripes: Trish Johnson, driving westward to US

Wham girl out to wow Uncle Sam

Patricia Johnson - from here on known as Trish - supports Arsenal, listens avidly to Wham and, at the age of 20, is one of the best amateur golfers in Britain.

YACHTING

Defenders silent over rigging claim

A source at the Royal Perth Yacht Club has confirmed that the Bond syndicate received a warning over 'rigged' races last week.

New Zealand face a testing time before World Cup

from his report, and that of Richie Guy, the tour manager in France and already confirmed as manager of New Zealand's World Cup squad, that there has been a great advance in integration of a young, inexperienced side which has more than broken even with the northern hemisphere's best side.

Cocking a SNUC in Nantes

Nantes is soccer territory. The Beauséjour Stadium, which was refurbished two years ago to stage the European Championship, stages some 20 soccer matches a season.

ICE HOCKEY

Panthers lose their way

It did not take Nottingham Panthers long to come back to earth after Saturday's success in the Norwich Union Cup.

Romantic French save their love for England

Denis Charvet, aged 24, the Toulouse centre, is hoping to play in tomorrow's match at Ilkeley Road between Clontarf Harlequins and Maccie R V.

Davies wants a triple

Laura Davies, the British Women's Open Champion, yesterday received another £2,000 for finishing No 1 in the Ring and Brymer Order of Merit in the 1986 WPGA circuit.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 22 unless stated FIRST DIVISION 1 Arsenal v Man C 2 Chelsea v Southampton

SCHOOLS RUGBY RESULTS

Abbey Boys 18 Frith Grange 16 Leekfield 25. King Edward VI School 16. Aylesbury 23. Heathfield 15. Keble College 14.

The decision to exclude hurt

Although rather unconvincing, his explanation was reluctantly accepted at the time because of an obvious shortage of accurate information from the Soviet side.

A wealth of experience

The South of Scotland open the defence of their inter-district cup against Glasgow on November 22.

ICE HOCKEY

in ability between the best and worst teams, was clearly demonstrated as Irvine Wings conceded 35 goals in their two weekend games.

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FOOTBALL: VIOLENCE WILL HAVE SCORED A VICTORY IF THE WELSH HAVE TO PLAY THEIR HOME TIE AT YORK

Caernarfon hooligans may have booted the Cup out of town

By Paul Newman

Caernarfon Town fear that crowd disturbances... Caernarfon Town fear that crowd disturbances...

when they last reached the second round in 1979... when they last reached the second round in 1979...

at Frickley on Saturday... at Frickley on Saturday...

Second round draw

Aldershot v Bishop's Cleeve... Aldershot v Bishop's Cleeve...

the third division earlier this year... the third division earlier this year...

the tie that would stir most memories... the tie that would stir most memories...



Angry Aldridge: team has stranding the last straw

Aldridge asks to go

John Aldridge, Oxford United's £1 million-rated player... John Aldridge, Oxford United's £1 million-rated player...

United's manager said: "John can only go if we get a good offer... United's manager said: "John can only go if we get a good offer..."

France looking to Passi

By Simon O'Hagan

Gerald Passi, an attacking midfielder player from Toulouse... Gerald Passi, an attacking midfielder player from Toulouse...

he is hoping to end what has been a superb year... he is hoping to end what has been a superb year...

leadership to Barcelona, the Real Madrid manager... leadership to Barcelona, the Real Madrid manager...

League bid for FA say

The Football Association is not "under threat" from the latest Football League bid... The Football Association is not "under threat" from the latest Football League bid...

ice additions, Ken Bates, Ron Noads and David Dein... ice additions, Ken Bates, Ron Noads and David Dein...

Indoor game draughts some support

Guinness, the brewers, are to sponsor an indoor football tournament... Guinness, the brewers, are to sponsor an indoor football tournament...

the public's - and Government's - reaction... the public's - and Government's - reaction...

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns for various sports records including American Football, Basketball, Football, Rackets, Tennis, Squash, and Hockey.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Table listing American Football games and scores, including Chicago Bears vs Atlanta Falcons.

BASKETBALL

Table listing Basketball games and scores, including Philadelphia 76ers vs Boston Celtics.

FOOTBALL

Table listing Football games and scores, including Arsenal vs Tottenham.

RACKETS

Table listing Rackets games and scores, including Queens Club vs Wimbledon.

TENNIS

Table listing Tennis games and scores, including Borg vs McEnroe.

SQUASH

Table listing Squash games and scores, including England vs Wales.

HOCKEY

Table listing Hockey games and scores, including Great Britain vs Canada.

NEW CHAIRMAN

Alan Darlow, a local businessman, yesterday took over as chairman... Alan Darlow, a local businessman, yesterday took over as chairman...

who has stepped down from the post... who has stepped down from the post...

STEWART OUT

Ian Stewart, Newcastle's Northern Ireland international, yesterday... Ian Stewart, Newcastle's Northern Ireland international, yesterday...

was expected to be out of action for over a month... was expected to be out of action for over a month...

NEEDHAM MOVE

Surrey have released all-rounder Andy Needham at his own request... Surrey have released all-rounder Andy Needham at his own request...

joined the club's staff in 1977 and was capped last year... joined the club's staff in 1977 and was capped last year...

OVERSEAS LEAGUE AND CUP RESULTS

Large table listing results from various international leagues and cups, including European and Asian competitions.

CRICKET

Table listing Cricket matches and scores, including Australia vs West Indies.

CYCLING

Table listing Cycling events and results, including the Tour de France.

BADMINTON

Table listing Badminton matches and scores, including the World Championships.

VOLLEYBALL

Table listing Volleyball matches and scores, including the World Cup.

TENNIS

Eight teams will join battle in new indoor league

By Rex Bellamy

The Mortgage Corporation National League, an exciting innovation for British tennis... The Mortgage Corporation National League, an exciting innovation for British tennis...

urns two months ago. Feaver said yesterday the organizers of the competition had studied similar events in the United States... urns two months ago. Feaver said yesterday the organizers of the competition had studied similar events in the United States...

the nature of its development... the nature of its development...

the format for the ties will be four singles and one doubles... the format for the ties will be four singles and one doubles...

CRICKET

West Indian pace shows no mercy

From Richard Streeton, Multan

There was no let-up to the complete dominance the West Indian fast bowlers have established against the Pakistan batsmen... There was no let-up to the complete dominance the West Indian fast bowlers have established against the Pakistan batsmen...

side. Richardson and Haynes provided a solid foundation before they were out in successive overs... side. Richardson and Haynes provided a solid foundation before they were out in successive overs...

WEST INDIES

Table listing West Indies cricket statistics, including batting and bowling records.

PAKISTAN

Table listing Pakistan cricket statistics, including batting and bowling records.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing today's fixtures for various sports including Football, Basketball, and Tennis.

SPORT

Television fund is running out of money

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The fund set up to compensate clubs for a decline in attendance during League games covered live on television is in danger of running out. At the present rate, the £600,000 that has been set aside will be expended before the last two Sunday shows of the season.

Televised spectacles

Table with columns: Matches, 1985 gate, 1986 gate, Fall in gate, Estimated compensation. Rows include Everton v Man U, Man U v Chelsea, Man U v Man U, West Ham v Everton, Lpool v Sheff Wed.

REMAINING FIXTURES: November 23, Everton v Liverpool (18:00); November 30, Newcastle United v West Ham United (20:00); December 7, Man...

TENNIS

Graf can conquer Madison Square

From Barry Wood New York

Martina Navratilova goes into the \$1 million Virginia Slims Championships this week full of confidence after defeating Hana Mandlikova 7-5, 7-5, in Chicago to claim her 15th title of the year.

YACHTING

Divers find no trace of Caradec

By Barry Pickthall

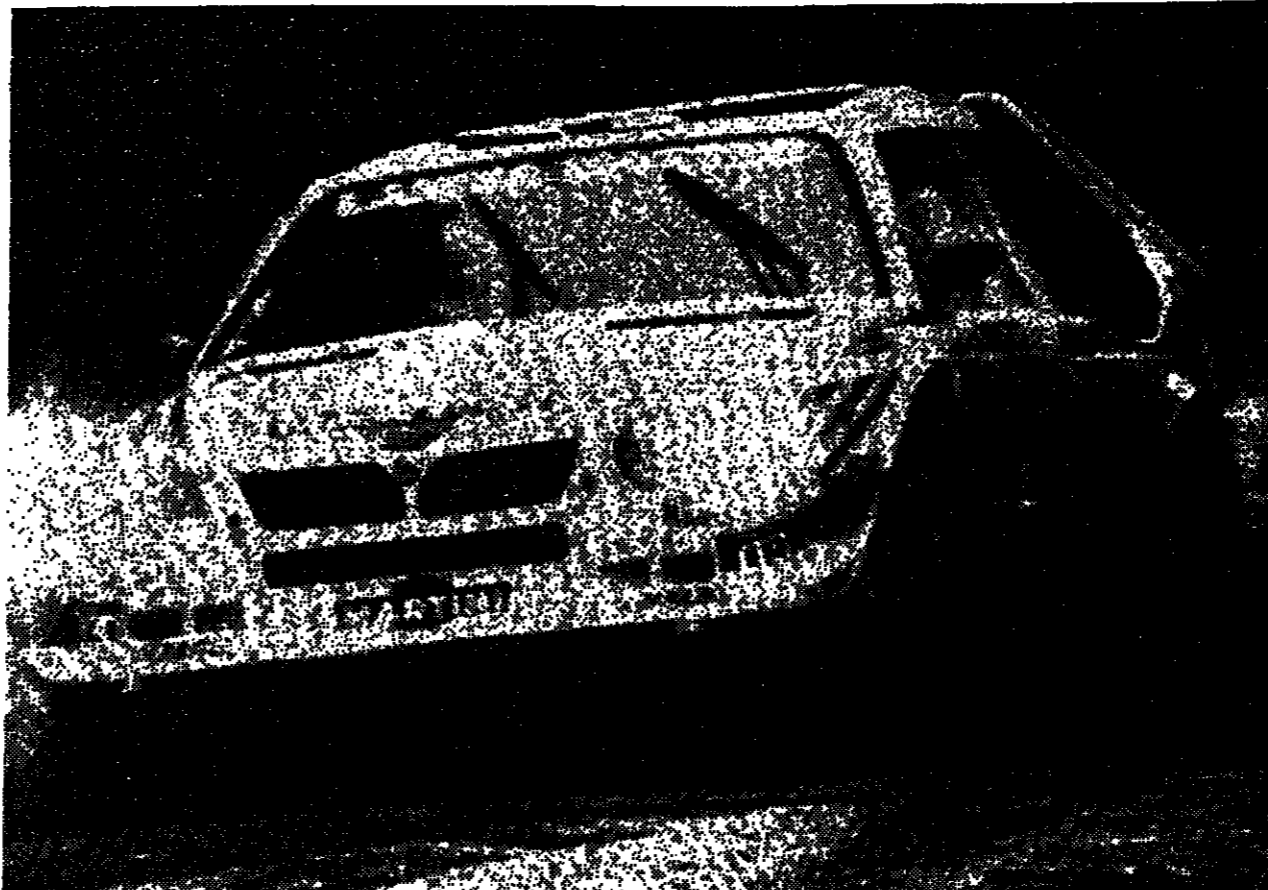
As the leaders in the Route du Rhum single-handed trans-Atlantic race were facing up to yet another gale last night, the fate of Loic Caradec, skipper of the 85ft French catamaran Royale, found capsized 240 miles off Cap Finisterre on Saturday was still unknown.

SNOOKER

Drago equals record with break of 141

By Sydney Friskin

Tony Drago, the Maltese 21-year-old who now lives in London, made a brilliant clearance break of 141 in the first frame of his second round match against John Virgo in the Tennents UK Championship at the Guild Hall, Preston.



Kiying Finn: Markku Alen, in a Lancia Delta, survived treacherous forest roads to take the lead in the Lombard RAC rally

MOTOR RALLYING

Alen takes up the challenge for Finns

By David Duffield

The second day of the Lombard RAC rally contained 13 special stages, which proved an unenviable number for many drivers including Sunday's overnight leader Jaha Kankkunen.

CRICKET

Australia surprised to find they have a tiger by the tail

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Brisbane

It had been a long time since England could feel as pleased on a rest day as they did yesterday. After being heartily ribbed (a good Aussie verb) in the Press before the first Test match started, they must have been fancying their chances of winning it.

Derbyshire go for Botham

Derbyshire are hoping to steal a march on the other counties jostling for Ian Botham's services when the former Test selector, Charlie Elliott, a member of their cricket committee, flies out to Australia today in an attempt to persuade him to join the county.

The West Indies fast bowler, Joel Garner - who was dismissed by Botham's county, Somerset, along with Viv Richards - has agreed to sign a one-year contract as professional with Oldham in the Central Lancashire League.

Garner will therefore return to the league where he launched his career in England in the mid-1970s. He was then professional for Littleborough where he did enough to attract the attention of Somerset and, ultimately, the West Indies.

That, if the ball had moved about on the first day, three faster bowlers should have been enough to take advantage of it, and that England have usually looked less led in 1986 when Edmonds and Embury have both been in the side. That was their reasoning, and it has worked out wonderfully well.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Blackley resigns

The Hibernian manager, John Blackley, resigned yesterday two years and one month after assuming the post. Blackley took over from Pat Stanton in October of 1984 after a spell as assistant manager, and at the end of a playing career which had seen him turn out for Hibs, Newcastle, Preston and Hamilton.

Motivation

Schuleren (Reuters) - Jahangir Khan, dejected last week in the world open squash championship, is seeded to meet his conqueror, Ross Norman, in the final of the Swiss Masters tournament, which starts today. Jahangir will try to win the \$60,000 event, the richest in the grand prix series, for the fifth consecutive time.

Shilton plays

Peter Shilton is to ignore a thigh injury to play in goal for Southampton in their Littlewoods Cup fourth round tie against Aston Villa this evening. Page 44

Falk dies

Düsseldorf (AFP) - The former figure skating champion, Ria Falk, who with her husband, Paul, won the pairs gold medal at the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Games, died here. She was aged 63. The couple also won the world title in 1951 and 1952.

Change of date

Bath's game with the touring Fijian Barbarians, due to be played tomorrow evening, has been moved to Thursday because the RAC Lombard Rally will end in Bath tomorrow (David Hands writes). Chilcott, the England prop, is unlikely to appear against the Fijians because of strained knee ligaments which forced him off the field during Saturday's game against Coventry.

Title stripped

Sar Juan (AFP) - Victor Luvu Calligas, the World Boxing Association light-featherweight champion, has been stripped of his title by the sanctioning body for failing to appear for his defence against the American, Luis Espinosa, on Saturday in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Stern task

Speedwell, who have quickly settled at the top of the men's first division of the Royal Bank English volleyball league, face a stern title test this weekend, when are away to both Liverpool and Dragonara Leeds.

Baron's favourite on drugs overdose

By Michael Coleman

The once-noble art of modern pentathlon, the pride and joy of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, has been delivered a stunning setback with the revelation that at least 15 competitors resorted to drug aids at the world championships in Italy last August. They include medal winners.

Limited number drug-checked

He was referring to the fact that only a limited number of the 159 competitors taking part in the three contests - for senior and junior men and women - at Montecatini Terme were drug-checked. Urine samples were taken after four of the sports: fencing, swimming and running (the top four in each event and two others at random) and shooting (12, including the top shooters in each detail and others at random).

It can be assumed that the 15 positive drug returns came from the shooting, the one event in modern pentathlon blighted by the drugs menace: in other words, 15 out of the 36 tested were on dope. But as Graf and others must ask: what about the rest, what would have been the result if they had been checked, too?

This new scandal, coming so soon after the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics drugs fiasco, puts the UIPMB in a desperate position. At Los Angeles competitors discovered that drugs banned by the UIPMB were not yet on the International Olympic Committee's list. They had a field day, producing doctors' letters proving they needed the drugs for their asthmatic and heart conditions.

To make matters worse, the testing laboratory was not IOC approved and the reserve "B" samples were destroyed too soon. In Italy safeguards were taken, the samples being carried by a UIPMB official to the IOC-approved laboratory at Cologne, where testing was conducted under the supervision of Dr Manfred Donike, an authority on the use of drugs in sport (including horse racing).

Six colleagues to be sentenced

The Stockholm "trial" will be attended by Sven Thofelt (Sweden, president), Igor Novikov (Soviet Union), Emil Jarrot (France), Thor Henning (Sweden, secretary-general), Erikow (the doping expert) and the two secretaries, Imre Nagy (Hungary) and Alfred Lakti (Sweden).

The highly respected Novikov, world and Olympic champion many times, has the unenviable task of sentencing six Soviet colleagues. Like the Italians, the Soviet sports doctors have turned the preparation of athletes into a fine, though not necessarily illegal, art.

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